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OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

*The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Georgetown, and St. Paul's church, Beaver County.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, rector of All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, missionary at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, St Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, Professor in the Abbeyville Institute, near Lancaster.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, and missionary at Jerseytown, and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and missionary at Pike Run, Washington county.

* The Rev. Bennett Glover, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

* The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, rector of St. Luke's church and Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, missionary at Pottstown, Montgomery, and Morlattin, Berks county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, missionary at Connelsville, Fayette county, and Greensburg, Westmoreland county.

* The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, missionary at Kittanning, Glade Run, and Freeport, Armstrong county, and Butler, Butler county.

The Rev. George Kirke, missionary at New London Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

* The Rev. Freeman Lane, missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. John Linn McKim, deacon, missionary at Honesdale and Bethany, Wayne county.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

* The Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, missionary at Muncy and Hughesville, Lycoming county, and Milton, Northumberland county.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

* The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

* The Rev. John Taylor, Pittsburg.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, professor in the Abbeville Institute, near Lancaster.

* The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

* James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States. 49.

Those whose names are marked * were *not present* at the Convention.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Christ church, Pottstown. Robert E. Hobart, John P. Rutter.

St. David's, Manayunk. Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner.

St. Luke's, Germantown. Wyndham H. Stokes, B. Chew, Eliakim Littell.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, W. H. Klapp, Clement P. Rutter.

Grace Church, Philadelphia. James Casey, Samuel Snelling, * G. W. Lord.

St. John's Church, N. L.' Joseph S. Riley, Abel Reed, James Vineyard.

Epiphany Church, Philadelphia. Caspar Morris, Joseph Watson, William Musgrave.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, John Andrews, Thomas Robins.

St. James' Church, Philadelphia. Wm. Rawle, *Cornelius Comegys, G. M. Wharton.

St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. T. J. Wharton, C. N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham.

Trinity Church, Pottsville. *Thomas C. Williams, *Charles Ellet, *Martin Weaver.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. Wm. Meredith, James S. Smith, F. Gurney Smith.

Christ Church, Philadelphia. P. H. Nicklin, Robert S. Johnson, *Wm. Smith.

St. Mark's Church, Lewistown. Joseph M. Cogley, *Robert McNeal.

St. James' Church, Lancaster. *Thomas E. Franklin, Thomas Jeffries.

Calvary Church, Rockdale. Richard S. Smith, * John S. Johnson.

St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk. * A. L. Foster.

St. John's Church, Concord. Hill Brinton, A. W. Sharples.

St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook. Thomas Robinson, George Lodge, B. F. Johnson.

St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre. *H. F. Lamb, Levi Burr.

St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg. * Hamilton Aldricks, * T. H. Burrows, Benjamin Parke.

St. John's Church, Carlisle. Isaac B. Parker, Edward J. Stiles.

Christ Church, Meadville. C. B. Powers.

St. Mary's, Chester county. Samuel Shafer, T. K. Bull, * Jesse Evans.

Christ Church, Huntingdon. M. C. Clarkson.

St. Luke's Church, Newton, Bucks county. * John Barnsley, Wm. Paff.

St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county. Abner Ubill.

St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville. Edward Nicholson.

St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. J. D. George, *John Farr, Wm. Alexander.

Christ Church, Reading. M. S. Richards, Henry Rhoads, Joseph L. Stichter.

St. Paul's, West Whiteland. Jonathan Jones.

St. Andrew's, West Vincent. Henry Buckwalter.

St. John's, New London, Chester county. *Thomas Charton, Charles McDonald, *John T. Harrison.

St. James', Perkiomen. Jesse Bean, *John Casselberry.

St. James' Church, Bristol. George Breck.

St. Luke's, Pottsville. Francis B. Nichols.

Trinity Church, Pittsburgh. Jonas R. McClintock.

St. Mary's, West Philadelphia. Christian Wiltberger, Wm. Adams.

St. John's Church, Norristown. John McKay, * Zadok Thomas.

St. Peter's, Butler, Butler county. John Bredin.

St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith, *Davis Smith, David Morgan.

Trinity Church, Easton. *Isaac C. Wickoff, Charles Swift.

Dyberry Parish, Wayne county. *Thomas T. Hays.

St. David's, Newton Township, Delaware county. Henry Carter.

All Saint's Church, Philadelphia county. Samuel Coxe.

Bangor Church, Churchtown. Frederick Landis.

The Lay Deputies entitled to seats in the Convention by certificates, but who did not answer to their names, are marked in the above list thus *.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 16th, 1837, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Epicopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize. A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk D. D.
Rev. George Boyd,
Samuel Bowman,
William Bryant,
Levi Bull,
John A. Clark,
William H. De Lancey, D. D.
Jacob M. Douglass,
Henry W. Ducachet, M. D.
Frederick Freeman.
Lyman N. Freeman,
Rev. William Hommann,
Samuel T. Lord,
James May,
George Mintzer,
Richard U. Morgan,
William H. Rees,
John Reynolds,
Joshua M. Rogers,
John Rodney, Jr.
Nathan Stem,
John V. E. Thorn,
S. H. Tyng, D. D.
George Upfold, D. D.
Alexander Varian.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Alexander,
John Andrews,
Charles N. Bancker,
Levi Burr,
Hill Brinton
T. K. Bull.
Joseph S. Riley,
Thomas Robins,
Thomas Robinson,
Clement S. Rutter,
John P. Rutter,
Samuel Shafer,

James Casey,
Michael Clarkson,
Joseph M. Cogley,
John Farr,
J. D. George,
Robert S. Johnson,
Wm. H. Klapp,
Wm. Meredith,
Edward Nicholson,
Philip H. Nicklin,
William Paff,
Benjamin Parke,
Isaac B. Parker,
C. B. Powers,
Abel Reed,
Matthias S. Richards,
Abraham W. Sharples,
Francis G. Smith,
James S. Smith,
R. S. Smith,
Samuel Snelling,
Cornelius Stevenson,
Joseph L. Stichter,
Edward J. Stiles,
Abner Ubill,
James Vineyard,
Samuel Wagner,
Tobias Wagner,
Joseph Watson,
George M. Wharton.
Thomas I. Wharton,
Peter Williamson.

On motion, the Rt. Rev. Bishop McCoskry of Michigan, now present in the city, was invited to attend the sittings of this Convention, and was thereupon introduced, and took his seat in the chancel.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of a secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Ducachet was unanimously chosen.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

A list of the Clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, according to Canon XIV, Section 5, when the Rev. Dr. De Lancey answered to his name, and offered a satisfactory excuse.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Wednesday May 17th, 1837, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. W. H. Rees, the ante-communion by Bishop McCoskry, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel Bowman; after which the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Right Rev. Bishop McCoskry, and the Rev. Messrs. Bowman and Rees.

The service being ended, the Convention was called to order for business. The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding session was read and approved.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. Messrs. Wm. Adderly, F. W. Beasley, Edward Y. Buchanan, Thomas Crumpton, Robert Davis, George C. Drake, Wm. Hilton, John J. Kerr, George Kirke, Samuel T. Lord, John Linn McKim, George Sheets.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Messrs. B. Chew, M. C. Clarkson, Henry Rhoads, Robert E. Hobart, B. F. Johnson, Wm. Kirkham, Eliakim Littell, Abel Reed.

The following lay deputies presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Adams, Jesse Bean, George Breck, John Bredin, Henry Carter, Jonathan Jones, Charles McDonald, Jonas R. McClintock, John McKay, David Morgan, Francis B. Nichols, Charles Swift, Christian Wiltberger.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey moved the following resolution.

Whereas, since the last meeting of the Convention, the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and in the United States, has been deprived by death of the services and care of the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. their late beloved Diocesan.

Therefore Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to draft and report a preamble and resolutions expressive of the views and feelings of this Convention in relation to the late Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese.

Which was unanimously carried: the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, the Rev. Mr. Bull, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, Mr. Meredith, Mr. James S. Smith, and Col. Robinson being appointed said committee.

On motion Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the charters of churches applying for admission into this Convention. Whereupon the following persons were appointed: Rev. Mr. Morgan, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, Rev. Mr. Crumpton, Messrs. Meredith, Joseph S. Smith, and P. H. Nicklin.

On motion of Rev. John Reynolds,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be rendered to the Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Meade for the faithfulness and diligence with which he has performed the duties of its Secretary for several years previous to his removal from this Diocese;

and that the Secretary of this Convention forward a copy of this resolution to him.

On motion Resolved, That a committee be appointed on unfinished business; when Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Reynolds, and Rogers were appointed.

On motion Resolved, That a committee on mileage be appointed to apportion the payment of the expenses of the clergy in travelling to this Convention; whereupon Messrs. Tobias Wagner, Wm. Meredith, and F. G. Smith were appointed said committee.

The Right. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

We assemble this year without the presence of that venerable man of God, who for more than half a century presided over the deliberations of this council of the Church. Often as he had reminded us that his lengthened term of existence forbade him to expect to remain with us much longer, and reasonable as we had regarded this warning, the kind forbearance of Providence from year to year, had rendered us almost forgetful of the certainty that the day of separation must at length come. In the wise ordering of that Providence, the long deferred period has arrived; and the patriarch of our affections has been removed to the better world, has departed to be with Christ. So we trust. And it becomes us all to treasure the remembrance of his virtues, of his beautiful example, more uniformly pure and holy than that probably of any other individual known to any in this assemblage, and of his mild and conciliating deportment as eminent among christians generally, and among the fathers of the Church. Wide was the influence of his name in public affairs; but it could not be more deep or more pervading than the admiration of his personal excellence; and both his public and personal character will long live in the fond recollection of all who knew him, and survive yet longer in the tributes yet to be rendered by those who come after us.

Neither our time nor the occasion allow me to enter more at large on the elevated character, whether in private or public life, of our late beloved diocesan. It is recorded both in our hearts, and in the history of that branch of the Church, in the organization and construction of which he took ever a conspicuous part. But it is proper that I announce to this

body, in due form, the lamented occurrence to which I have briefly alluded.—The decease of Bishop White occurred on Sunday, July 17th, a little before noon, almost ere the sound of the prayers had died away, which arose from all the congregations of our communion near enough to know his decaying condition. Preceding this event was an indisposition of about a fortnight; during which, though his faculties gradually became dim, he gave renewed evidence of the triumph of the christian principles and the gracious influences, which had so early conformed his heart to the image of his Saviour, and which had so long sustained him and been his happiness. May our portion in Christ be with his!

In proceeding with the duty assigned me by the 7th Canon of 1835, it will be most in unison with the feelings in which we have already indulged, to give the next place to the further inroads of death among the clergy of our diocese, during the past year. The record is fraught with peculiar pain, and includes the names of four of our Reverend brethren. On Sunday, August 14th, the Rev. John Waller James, who had succeeded Bishop White as the Rector of Christ Church, departed this life at Huntingdon, in the interior of the State. He was endeared to us all, to his flock, to the diocese, by his amiableness and excellence, by his piety, by his talents, by his fidelity, and by his usefulness, already great, though he was but in early life, and promising to be much greater should his life be spared. It has pleased the All-wise God to disappoint this hope, and remove his young and faithful servant from his earthly sphere of duty. In also the month of August, I was informed of the decease of the Rev. Francis Reno, an aged clergyman, who long ago entered the western portion of our diocesan field, and laboured there till advancing years rendered him decrepit. On the 14th of September, the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, well known to us as a pious christian, and a zealous and devoted minister, died at Carlisle. He had served, acceptably and usefully, several of our parishes, and was connecting himself with one in Virginia, to which diocese, however, he had not yet been transferred, when a short and severe illness terminated his earthly existence. On Easter Monday, March 27th, the Rev. John S. Breneman died at Lancaster. He had completed his course at the General Seminary last June, and was afterwards ordained a deacon; but disease very soon indicated that he was not to be long spared to us, his strength was immediately prostrated, and he was unable to discharge the duties of his sacred

calling. By this dispensation the Church has been deprived of one of her most talented and promising sons.

With such warnings before us, may it be the prayer and the endeavour of us all, my Reverend brethren, that we may always be ready to give an account of our stewardship!

Owing to the sickness of Bishop White, it devolved upon me to preside at the consecration to the episcopate of Michigan, of the Rev. Samuel Allen McCoskry, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, in this city. Our eminent and beloved brother had been elected under the 1st Canon (sect. 2.) of 1835; and Bishop White had appointed the 5th of July for his consecration; and we fondly hoped that another would be added to the long list of fathers in the Church set apart by his venerable hands; but that hope was frustrated by his mortal indisposition. The solemnity was deferred, to improve a favourable opportunity, should any appear. As however Bishop White's debility increased, there was no cause for further delay; and on Thursday July 7th, in St. Paul's Church, in this city, the testimonials having been communicated to us by our venerable senior, Bishop Doane and Bishop Kemper united with me in conferring the episcopal office on Dr. McCoskry.

During the past Convention year, I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal Holyday, including five Sundays spent in Delaware, and one at Flushing, New York—with the exception of two Sundays, on one of which I resigned the pulpit for which I was engaged, to two of my Rev. brethren from other dioceses, and on the other I could not fulfil an appointment a few miles from town, the snow having stopped the railroad cars. I except also one other Sunday, devoted to the melancholy duty of attending the funeral of my mother. In the Churches and places of worship in Philadelphia I have preached 52 times.

In June last, I preached at Marcus Hook; at Chester; at Honeybrook. In July, at Yardleyville; at Newtown; at Lower Dublin; at Holmesburgh, twice. In August, at Bristol, twice; at Hulmeville; at Francisville. In September, at Hamiltonville; at Lancaster; at Columbia. In October and November, on my South-western journey, I preached at Greensburgh, twice; at Connelsville, twice; at Manalen; at Brownsville, three times; at Pike Run; at Hillsborough; at Washington; at Georgetown; at St. Paul's, Beaver county; at Beaver; at Pittsburgh, twice; at Alleghany; at Laceyville; at Lawrenceville; at York; at Petersburgh; at Kidderminster; at Carlisle, twice; and at Harrisburgh. In November, at West Whiteland.

In December, at Reading, twice; at Sunbury, three times; at Danville, twice; at Pottsville; at Minersville; and at Schuylkill-haven. In January, 1837, I preached at Germantown, twice; at Rockdale; at Manayunk, twice. In February, at Radnor Church. In April, at West Vincent, and at Honeybrook. In the present month, at Bristol, twice.

Among our Swedes brethren I have preached twice; viz: once at Kingsessing, and once at Gloria Dei Church, near the Navy Yard. At the latter place, I confirmed 13 persons.

I have administered *baptism* to four children, besides others included in the parochial registers; and the *Lord's Supper* 22 times, in this diocese, including all public occasions, besides once in private to our late lamented diocesan. I have frequently performed the *funeral* service, but always as acting for one or other of my brethren the parish clergy, or in vacant parishes. I have solemnized ten *marriages*.

The ordinance of *Confirmation* I have administered thirty-seven times, including that at the Swedes Church. At Chester, I confirmed 1 person; at Honeybrook, 10 persons; at Lower Dublin, 10; at Columbia, 5; at Greensburgh, 6; at Conpelsville, 3; at Brownsville, 8; at Georgetown, 10; at St. Paul's, Beaver County 16; at Pittsburgh, 39; at Laceyville, 9; at York, 6; at Carlisle, 8; at Harrisburgh, 3; at Reading, 7; at Sunbury, 2; at Danville, 2; at Pottsville, 10; at Germantown, 3; at Manayunk, 15; at Radnor Church, 11; at West Vincent, 9; at Bristol, 9. In the parishes of the Rev. Mr. Bull, confirmation has been deferred for a cause already mentioned.

In Philadelphia, I confirmed at St. Stephen's Church, 12 persons: at St. Andrew's, 34, and on a subsequent occasion, 45, total 79; at Trinity, 18; at the Church of the Ascension, 42; at St. Peter's, 26; at St. Thomas', 28; at Grace Church, 50; at Christ Church, 5; at St. John's, 13; at the Church of the Epiphany, 55; at St. James', 7; at Moyamensing, 9; and at Gloria Dei Church, 13.

On the 12th of June, I *consecrated* St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, the building, never before set apart, having been much enlarged and beautified. On the 19th of June I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook: it is a substantial edifice, of stone, and very neatly finished; its dimensions are sufficient for a large congregation; and the whole work reflects the highest credit on those who undertook and completed it. On the 27th of September I consecrated the Church of the Ascension, in this city; it is a handsome building, of good size, and rapidly filling up with a congregation brought together

by the faithful exertions of its Rector. On the 24th of October, I consecrated St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, and on the 28th, St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, Beaver county: these are old places of worship, and of very plain appearance; but, after remaining long unfinished, they had lately been completed, and the period was very properly deemed a fit one to request their being duly set apart for their hallowed purpose. On the 4th of November, I consecrated Christ Church Chapel, Petersburgh, Adams county: it belongs to the vestry of Christ Church, which is some miles from the town, and it was erected here for greater convenience; it is a neat edifice of brick, and creditable to the pastor and the congregation who have carried through the good work. On the 7th of December, I consecrated St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury; a small, but very neat structure of brick, well arranged for our services, and tastefully decorated.

On the 27th of November, I officiated at the re-opening of Christ Church, in this city. Its interior has undergone a complete renovation, which has greatly improved its appearance and increased the convenience of its arrangements.

There are five Churches *erecting* in this diocese not before reported. At Rockdale, I laid the corner-stone of Calvary Church on the 17th of August; and in January, I officiated in the Lecture-room. Church edifices are in progress at Bloomsburgh, in place of the old building; at Belle Fonte; at Freeport; and at Glade Run.

The Vestry of the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia, have rented a place of worship belonging to another denomination; and our services are now regularly held there.

Since the last Convention, I have *ordained* five Deacons and five Priests in this Diocese.

On Tuesday, July 14th, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. John J. Kerr, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, July 18th, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. John W. Hoffman, Mr. Walter E. Franklin, Mr. John F. Hoff, and Mr. John S. Breneman, alumni of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, September 11th, in St. James' (Swedes) Church, Kingsessing, I admitted the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, September 25th, in St. James' Church, Lancaster, I admitted the Rev. Alexander Varian, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, October 16th, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Alfred A. Miller, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Thursday, October 27th, in Georgetown Church, Georgetown, I admitted the Rev. William Adderly, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, November 27th, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Caleb S. Henry, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, June 12th, I *instituted* the Rev. Richard D. Hall to the rectorship of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook; on Sunday, November 13th, the Rev. John Coleman to the rectorship of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia; and on Ascension day, May 4th, the Rev. Benjamin Dorr to the rectorship of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The *letter of dismission* reported last year as given to the Rev. Thomas West, was accepted in June by Bishop Otey. I have given letters of dismission to the Rev. Samuel Marks, and the Rev. H. F. M. Whitesides, to the diocese of Michigan; to the Rev. J. W. French, to the Eastern Diocese; to the Rev. Wm. C. Mead, D. D., to the diocese of Connecticut; to the Rev. A. P. Prevost, to the diocese of New York; to the Rev. A. S. Colton, to the diocese of New Jersey; to the Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D., to the diocese of Ohio; to the Rev. R. Piggott, to the diocese of Maryland; all which have been accepted. I have also transferred the Rev. Willie Peck to the diocese of Delaware.

I have received and accepted letters of dismission to this diocese in behalf of the Rev. W. N. Diehl, from Bishop Moore; of the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, and the Rev. John Coleman, from Bishop Stone; of the Rev. Wm. S. Perkins, from Bishop Hopkins; of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, and the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, from Bishop B. T. Onderdonk.

In conformity with the 38th Canon of the General Convention, I have *displaced from the ministry* Silas C. Freeman; he having declared to me his renunciation thereof, and his design not to officiate in future in any of its offices. This duty, a painful one, though not proceeding from causes affecting his moral character, I performed yesterday, in the presence of three presbyters of this diocese.

The *leave of absence* given the Rev. Mr. Morton, was extended to fifteen months. The Rev. Mr. Suddards has four months leave of absence from the diocese. The Rev. Mr. Wiltbank has leave of absence for one year. The Rev. R.

Davis received from me leave of absence from July 3d to the opening of this Convention.

The names of Henry B. Page, John R. Jones, and David W. Hulings, have been withdrawn from the list of *Candidates* for holy orders. Thomas E. Paine has been transferred to the diocese of Kentucky; and Kingston Goddard, just before his ordination, was transferred by Bishop White, to the diocese of New York. On the 29th of September I admitted as candidates Richard Newton and Frederick W. Boyd; on the 5th of November, John Hall and Samuel W. Hallowell, late a preacher among the Methodists; on the 14th of February, Tobias H. Michell; on the 9th of May, Thomas B. Flower, (late a Methodist preacher,) Alexander Forbes Dobb, William White Bronson, and Gregory Thurston Bedell.

The whole number of Candidates in this diocese is at present twenty-three. Some of them have, without permission, exceeded the term assigned by the Canon for applying to have their first and second examinations held; and the candidates are hereby notified that the Canon will be enforced in their cases, unless they assign forthwith sufficient cause for the delay.

The Rev. Wm. Hilton has removed from his mission in Alleghany county, to St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley. The Rev. Samuel T. Lord has removed from his mission in Bradford county, and is the missionary at Waterford and Rockville. The Rev. Wm. N. Diehl is an assistant minister in the Swedes Churches, and officiates at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh. The Rev. John W. Hoffman, after officiating for six months at Alleghany and Lawrenceville, is now assisting the Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh. The Rev. Alfred A. Miller is assistant to the Rector of St Peter's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Wm. Hommann has removed from his mission in Lycoming county, and is the missionary at Pottstown and Morlattin. The Rev. James May has resigned the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, and is the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. John R. Goodman has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Carlisle. The Rev. Caleb J. Good has accepted a professorship in Washington College, Conn. The Rev. Richard D. Hall has resigned the rectorship of St Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook. The Rev. Wm. S. Perkins is the Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol. The Rev. J.V. E. Thorn has been for a year and a half or more the Rector of Christ Church, Adams County: an ar-

rangement, the notice of which was accidentally omitted in the episcopal addresses of last year. The Rev. John Coleman is the Rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Benjamin Dorr is the Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Robert Piggott has resigned his mission at Hamiltonville. The Rev. Marmaduke Hurst no longer has charge of St. John's Church, Concord, but remains the missionary at Rockdale. The Rev. Mr. Breintnall is elected Rector of St. Mary's, Hamiltonville.

The other clerical arrangements and changes will be noticed in the list of the missionaries. It behooves me, however, in this place, to advert again to a topic on which I dwelt last year—the insufficient contributions of our congregations to the maintenance of their pastors. I will not say that my remarks then delivered have had no effect; but so far as has come to my knowledge, I cannot say they have produced much; and that too, when they were much commended, as being both just and reasonable. My brethren of the laity, is it not to be lamented, that neither censure nor persuasion move you to the proper discharge of this christian duty? I speak not to those present personally, but as representing our laity at large; and I beseech you to plead with them, and admonish them that the "labourer" in God's harvest and in God's building "is worthy" of at least as much "hire" as the labourers in their own harvests and their own buildings.

On the evening of the Epiphany, I attended the anniversary, celebrated in Grace Church, in this city, of our Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania; a society which from the time of its organization has had the recorded approbation and confidence of the Convention. It is the organization of our diocesan missionary action; and in that sphere is discharging a duty, the full earthly benefit of which must be computed by future generations, and its everlasting results estimated in the world to come. So useful an institution deserves a much larger patronage than it receives; and I commend it again most earnestly to the pious liberality of the episcopalians of Pennsylvania. At present, on account of the demand of the Western States for clergy, the number of our missionaries is smaller than usual, being only eighteen; but I hope we shall soon fill up again this very useful class of the ministering brethren.

Since the last Convention, the Rev. Bennet Glover has ceased to be a missionary, but remains the Rector of St.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

A list of the Clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, according to Canon XIV, Section 5, when the Rev. Dr. De Lancey answered to his name, and offered a satisfactory excuse.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Wednesday May 17th, 1837, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. W. H. Rees, the ante-communion by Bishop McCoskry, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel Bowman; after which the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Right Rev. Bishop McCoskry, and the Rev. Messrs. Bowman and Rees.

The service being ended, the Convention was called to order for business. The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding session was read and approved.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. Messrs. Wm. Adderly, F. W. Beasley, Edward Y. Buchanan, Thomas Crumpton, Robert Davis, George C. Drake, Wm. Hilton, John J. Kerr, George Kirke, Samuel T. Lord, John Linn McKim, George Sheets.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Messrs. B. Chew, M. C. Clarkson, Henry Rhoads, Robert E. Hobart, B. F. Johnson, Wm. Kirkham, Eliakim Littell, Abel Reed.

The following lay deputies presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Adams, Jesse Bean, George Breck, John Bredin, Henry Carter, Jonathan Jones, Charles McDonald, Jonas R. McClintock, John McKay, David Morgan, Francis B. Nichols, Charles Swift, Christian Wiltberger.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey moved the following resolution.

Whereas, since the last meeting of the Convention, the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and in the United States, has been deprived by death of the services and care of the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. their late beloved Diocesan.

Therefore Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to draft and report a preamble and resolutions expressive of the views and feelings of this Convention in relation to the late Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese.

Which was unanimously carried: the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, the Rev. Mr. Bull, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, Mr. Meredith, Mr. James S. Smith, and Col. Robinson being appointed said committee.

On motion Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the charters of churches applying for admission into this Convention. Whereupon the following persons were appointed: Rev. Mr. Morgan, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, Rev. Mr. Crumpton, Messrs. Meredith, Joseph S. Smith, and P. H. Nicklin.

On motion of Rev. John Reynolds,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be rendered to the Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Meade for the faithfulness and diligence with which he has performed the duties of its Secretary for several years previous to his removal from this Diocese;

I am requested by the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, to lay before this body, certain proposed alterations in the General Constitution of our Church, and a certain proposed amendment to the Table of moveable Feasts.

In behalf of the Committee on "the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the Churches in this diocese," I submit their Report.

With great pleasure I record my thankful acknowledgment of the contributions added to my salary, by the Churches in Philadelphia, to enable me to continue my residence in this city, which I found was too expensive to be met by all my resources. And to our friends throughout the diocese, I again offer my grateful feelings for the uniform kindness and hospitality with which I am every where received and entertained.

Brethren—

In the position I have occupied since the decease of Bishop White, as the diocesan of this portion of the flock of Christ, I have found little other business than had already devolved on me, in a gradual manner, through his annually increasing infirmities. But in having the entire and sole responsibility of the station, I feel that I need more than ever your prayers, your confidence, and your friendly co-operation. Let me assure you, that you have my sincere and affectionate prayers, for your welfare and salvation individually, and for your guidance and direction as the representative council of this branch of the Church.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1837.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Samuel Bowman, for the able, judicious and appropriate Discourse delivered this morning, before this body.

A communication from the committee for Domestic Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and another from the Secretary of a meeting of the Episcopal Clergy of the city and vicinity of New York, addressed to this body, both relating to the death of Bishop White, were read by the Secretary.

The articles of Association of the Church of the Ascension, in the city of Philadelphia were presented; when it was moved that they be referred to the committee on Charters: which motion passed.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund: provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The minutes of the Standing Committee were laid on the table by their Secretary, with the accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention fund and of the Episcopal fund, and a statement by the Standing Committee of the Churches in arrears to the Convention; which accounts and statement were referred to the committee on mileage.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the Churches in this Diocese, presented a report, which on motion, was read.

The Secretary then read the following official list of the candidates for orders in this diocese.

List of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 16th, 1837.

John B. Foster—since April 3, 1832.
William M'Dougall—since November 19, 1833.
James C. Hulme—since April 23, 1834.
Oliver A. Shaw—since July 7, 1834.
Edwin Wilson Wiltbank—since July 7, 1834.
Alfred Louderback—since October 2, 1834.
Richard F. Burnham—since October 2, 1834.
Nathaniel S. Harris—since November 3, 1834.
William White—since November 3, 1834.
George W. Natt—since January 3, 1835.
Edmund Neville—since March 20, 1835.
Charles Breck—since September 21, 1835.
William H. Odenheimer—since September 21, 1835.
Joseph Adderly—since October 9, 1835.
Richard Newton—since September 29, 1836.
Frederick W. Boyd—since September 29, 1836.
John Hall—since November 5, 1836.
Samuel W. Hallowell—since November 5, 1836.
Tobias Harper Michell—since February 14, 1837.
Thomas B. Flower—since May 9, 1837.
Alexander F. Dobb—since May 9, 1837.
William White Bronson—since May 9, 1837.
Gregory Thurston Bedell—since May 9, 1837.

Total, - - 23.

The Secretary read a communication to him from the Secretary of the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen of our communion, which, on motion, was ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8, 1837.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I am instructed by the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to give notice to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, at the present Convention, of the several methods by which the Corporation is designed, and is desirous, to extend relief to the clergy and their families; and also of its powers recently obtained from the Legislature of the State, to receive donations, and execute trusts in behalf of aged and infirm Clergymen.

I know of no more effectual mode of giving such notice, than by requesting this letter to be read before the Convention, and inserted on the Journal, that the following information, may thus be spread before the Church in this Diocese.

*First Mode of Relief.**

If individual Clergymen, (or their vestries, in their behalf) subscribe and pay to the Corporation, annually, the sum of eight, sixteen, or twenty-four dollars, their families, after fifteen years subscription, will be entitled at their death, to receive *five times* the amount of the annual subscription, viz. forty, eighty, or one hundred and twenty dollars, according to the amount subscribed.

Their families will also be entitled to any additional sum, which the Corporation may be able annually to appropriate out of its surplus annual income.

There is at present but *one* annuitant on the fund, who receives by an annual vote, *five hundred* per cent. on the regular annuity, or, in other words, the deceased Clergyman having been during his life, a subscriber at sixteen dollars per annum, his family since his death, have received not only the eighty dollars annuity, but, by an annual vote of the Corporation, the additional sum of three hundred and twenty dollars, making in all, four hundred dollars.

The whole number of subscribers at the present time is only nine.

* This mode of relief is restricted to Clergymen who belonged to the Diocese prior to May 1835, when the charter was altered.

Second Mode of Relief.

The Corporation also seeks to extend relief to the Clergy and their families, in other modes:

First. It grants annuities on the ordinary principles of Life Insurance Companies.

Second. It also grants endowments to the widows and children of Clergymen.

Third. It receives from Clergymen, or others in their behalf, money on deposit for accumulation at compound interest.

Fourth. It allows vestries of Churches in connexion with the Convention, to make deposits of money for the Clergy of their respective Churches, either for annuities, endowments, or accumulation.

Third Mode of Relief.

The Corporation has likewise recently been empowered by the Legislature to receive donations, by will or otherwise, for the benefit of Clergymen of the Church, and to execute trusts in their behalf.

By a liberal donation of two thousand dollars from the Misses Yeates, of Lancaster, a fund for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, has already been commenced, and entrusted to the care of the Corporation.

The property of the Corporation, amounts to about Fifty-seven thousand dollars, invested in Bonds and Mortgages, and in City and State Loans.

Applications for information respecting the Corporation, and for copies of the charter, or to become subscribers, may be made to the officers of the Corporation, viz:

CORNELIUS STVENSON, Actuary,
No. 296 Walnut Street.
HORACE BINNEY, Jr., Treasurer,
No. 83, South Fourth Street.
WILLIAM H. DELANCEY, Secretary,
No. 50 Pine Street, Philadelphia.

The above information is imparted in the belief that the advantages which the Corporation holds out to the Clergy, and the modes of relief by which they or the Laity in their behalf, may secure aid to their widows and children, upon their decease, are such as ought to obtain from them immediate attention to the subject.

I remain very respectfully, Yours, &c.
WILLIAM H. DELANCEY,
Secretary of the Corporation.

REV. DR. DUCACHET,
Secretary of the Diocesan Convention.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, resolved, that the foregoing document be referred to a committee; whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: Rev. James May, Rev. C. F. Crusé, Mr. Coxe, Mr. Hobart and Mr. Williamson.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 17th, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the roll was called.

The following lay deputies, presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats:—Samuel Coxe, Frederick Landis.

Mr. Charles V. Hagner, a lay deputy, not previously present, appeared and took his seat.

The committee on unfinished business made the following report:

That after a careful examination of the Journal of the last Convention, they find but two objects that require the action of the present Convention. One, a Resolution appointing a committee on the subject of parochial registers, and the passage of a Law on that subject, of which committee, the Rev. Dr. Upfold is chairman, and the other matter is a resolution on the Canonical existence of Churches, &c., referred to a committee, of which Bishop Onderdonk is the chairman.

JOHN RODNEY. Jr.,
J. M. ROGERS,
J. REYNOLDS.

The committee on charters, made the following report:

1. That they find the proposed charter of Emmanuel Church, Kensington, to be in conformity to the Constitution and Canons, and so presented by the Standing Committee. It is accordingly reported as a Church duly qualified for admission into the Union.

2. That in the charter of the Church of the Ascension, there are some features, adverted to in the report of the Standing Committee, novel in their character, and seeming to require further consideration. The committee for this purpose, has postponed its final action on the said charter.

R. U. MORGAN, Chairman.

Whereupon it was resolved, that Emmanual Church, Kensington, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The articles of Association of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, were presented, and were referred to the Committee on charters.

The following report was presented by the committee to

whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention and Episcopal funds, and the statement of arrearages; which on motion was accepted.

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds, with a statement of arrears due to the latter, respectfully report:

That they recommend that the accounts of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds, be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Convention, and be published as usual in the Journal.

That the statement of arrears be laid on the table, and that the Treasurer be authorized to compromise or remit the arrears and finally to close the accounts remaining open on his books, before the meeting of the next Convention.

The last regulation in regard to collections for the fund, appears to have produced a better result than the old plan, and the committee beg leave to recommend its continuance. All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee. TOBIAS WAGNER, Chairman.

On motion carried, the Secretary was authorized to have said accounts printed in the Journal.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the convention be authorized to compromise or remit, as the case may require, the arrearages due the Convention fund, provided they cannot be paid in full.

It was moved and carried, that the vacancies created in the board of trustees of the General Seminary, by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Mead, and the decease of the Rev. Mr. James, be now filled. Whereupon the Rev. Levi Bull and Benjamin Stiles were elected Trustees.

The Rev. Mr. Stem moved that the next annual Convention be held at Harrisburg. The Rev. Dr. Upfold moved to amend said motion, by inserting Pittsburgh, in place of Harrisburg. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Sheets moved the postponement of the proposition and the amendment, with a view to proposing St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, as the place of meeting. Dr. De Lancey then moved that the whole subject be postponed, and made the order of the day for Thursday at 12 o'clock.

The Convention then adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 18th, 1837, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. C. F. Crusé.

The roll was called.

The following Clergy not present yesterday, answered to their names, and took their seats: Rev. C. F. Crusé, Rev. G. W. Ridgley.

The following Lay Deputies, not present yesterday, answered to their names, and took their seats: Levi B. Smith, Henry Buckwalter.

Mr. George Breck, a Lay Deputy, presented the certificate of his appointment and took his seat.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The names of the Clergy were then called agreeably to the resolution of the Convention of 1835, to inquire whether collections had been made in their respective Churches for the Convention fund: when it appeared that collections were made by the following: Rev. Messrs Adderly, F. W. Beasely, Bowman, Boyd, Buchanan, Bull, Crumpton, DeLancey, Drake. Ducachet, Lyman N. Freeman, Hilton, John J. Kerr, Lord, McKim, May, Killikelly, Kirke, Mintzer, Morgan, Morton, Rees, Reynolds, Rodney, Rogers, Sheets, Isaac Smith, Stem, Suddards, Thorn, Tyng, Upfold, Coleman, Breintnall, Hirst, Clark.

The following Clergymen did not make the enjoined collection: Rev. Messrs. Bryant, Douglass, Frederick Freeman, Hommann, Hoff.

And the following did not answer to their names: Rev. Messrs. Glover, Henderson, Lane, Ridgely, Clemson, Cushman, Dorr, Franklin, Lacey, Perkins, and Wiltberger.

The committee on charters made the following additional Report:

1. That they have examined the Articles of the Association of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook Township, Chester county, and find them in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, and that they have been submitted to the Bishop and standing committee and by them approved.

2. The Articles of Association of the church of the Ascension, in the city of Philadelphia, they do not find in strict conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons, but having been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them approved, on the condition " that such approval shall not be a precedent for sanctioning any similar Association for the future;" in which your committee concur:

The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, and the Church of the Ascension, are admitted as members of this Convention.

R. U. Morgan, Chairman.

Whereupon it was Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county, be admitted into this Convention.

The hour of 12 having arrived, a motion was made to postpone for the present the order of the day; which was carried.

Moved that the Church of the Ascension be admitted into union with this Convention. The vote upon the same being called for by yeas and nays, and by Churches, was so taken, when the question was decided as follows:

CLERGY.

YEAS.—Bishop Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Adderly, Bowman, Bryant, Buchanan, Bull, Clark, Crumpton, Crusé, Davis, De Lancey, Douglass, Drake, L. N. Freeman, Hilton, Kerr, M'Kim, May, Mintzer, Morgan, Sheets, Isaac Smith, Thorn, Varian, —24.

NAYS.—The Rev. Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Ducachet, Frederick Freeman, Hommann, Lord, Rees, Ridgely, Rodney, Stem, Upfold,—11.

CHURCHES.

YEAS.—St. David's Church, Manayunk; St. Luke's, Germantown; Trinity Church, Southwark; Grace Church, Philadelphia; Epiphany, Philadelphia; St. Andrew's, Philadelphia; St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Philadelphia; St. James' Church, Philadelphia: St. James' Church, Lancaster; Calvary Church, Rockdale; St. John's Church, Concord; St. John's Church, Carlisle; St. John's, Pequea; St. Andrew's, Yardleyville; St. Paul's, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Reading, St. James', Bristol; St. Luke's, Pottsville; St. Mary's, West Philadelphia; St. Thomas', Morgantown; All Saints', Philadelphia,—23.

NAYS.—St. John's, N. L; St. Mark's, Lewistown; St. Mary's, Chester county; St. Paul's, West Whiteland; St. Andrew's, West Vincent; St. John's, New London; St. Peter's, Butler; Bangor church, Churchtown,—8.

DIVIDED.—St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; Christ church, Pottstown,—2.

So the question was decided in the affirmative; and the church of the Ascension in the city of Philadelphia was received accordingly.

The order of the day was then taken up and acted upon. After debate, it was Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The committee appointed to express the feelings of this

house in relation to the death of Bishop White, presented the following report:

The committee to whom it was referred to draft and report a preamble and resolutions expressive of the views and feelings of this convention, in relation to our late beloved Diocesan, submit the following for the consideration of the convention:

Whereas, since the last meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, and in the United States, has been deprived by death, of the counsels and care of the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D., its first Bishop, and the Senior Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States; which lamented event occurred at Philadelphia, on the 17th of July, 1836, in the 89th year of his age.

Therefore Resolved Unanimously, That this Convention, in bending submissively to this divine visitation, do cherish a grateful recollection of the many christian virtues of their late beloved diocesan, his meek wisdom, his gentle spirit, his patient energy, his unblemished life and conversation, and his unostentatious piety, manifested so consistently in his private and in his public duties, as a man, a patriot, a christian, a pastor, a Bishop, diffusing over his life the fragrance of holiness, and verifying the reality of christian faith, and the energy of that divine grace which early formed him after the image of his divine master, tranquilized his final moments with the assurances and hopes of the Gospel of the Son of God, and enabled him to present, throughout an Episcopate of nearly fifty years, a beautiful example of prudence and moderation in government, and of faithful diligence in instruction, combined with wisdom and learning in guarding and defending the sacred interests of the christian fold, and with gentleness and skill in guiding her amidst her earliest perils, and her latest toils.

Resolved, That this Diocese in common with the Church at large, has reason for devout gratitude to God for the rare combination of christian graces in the character of our late Rt. Rev. Father, which, proportioned in number and strength, only to his extraordinary age, commanded universal regard and love within and without our fold; and has left the traces of wisdom, moderation and sober piety, when the various institutions, which in periods of peculiar delicacy and difficulty, were subjected to his moulding influences in conjunction with those distinguished clergymen and laymen, who amidst the storms of religious and political prejudice, so organized and

guided the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country, that under the divine blessing she is now an object of fervid attachment to her own children, and commands the respect and admiration of others.

Resolved, That the Convention with feelings of deep sensibility, record this expression of their regard for their late Diocesan in the various relations in which he stood to them, as a President, dignified, gentle, and courteous, as a Counsellor, wise, cautious, and consistent, as a Preacher, sincere, honest and instructive, and as a Bishop, learned, prudent, and faithful, always "so merciful as not to be too remiss, and so ministering discipline as not to forget mercy," reflecting honor on our communion by his theological labors, his official productions, his elevated christian character, and his pure and spotless life.

Resolved, That this expression of affectionate attachment to the memory, and veneration for the character of our late Diocesan, be entered on the Journal of the Convention, and that an attested copy of the same, be transmitted to his family in testimony of the sincere condolence of the Church in this Diocese with them, under *their* and *our* bereavement.

Wm. H. DE LANCEY,
LEVI BULL,
GEORGE UPFOLD,
C. W. MEREDITH,
JAMES S. SMITH,
THOMAS ROBINSON.

Whereupon the said preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That the clergy of the city of Philadelphia, now members of this house, and the lay delegates representing the churches of the same, be a committee to provide accommodations for all the members of the next convention, if possible; and that they be called upon, on the 2d day of the session, to report whether they have discharged that duty.

On motion, the Articles of Association of Grace Church, Hulmeville, were referred to the committee on charters.

Resolved, That the convention go into an election of officers this afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 18th, 1837, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called, the Bishop having taken the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The committee on charters presented a report in favour of Grace Church, Hulmeville, and it was admitted accordingly.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan by which the *Sunday School, Tract, Missionary*, and other benevolent operations of the Diocese, shall be placed under the control of this convention; and made to sustain a relation thereto similar to that which the Board of Missions sustains to the General Convention. And in case it should be found expedient, in the estimation of the committee, that they be instructed to report a plan to that effect.

The resolution was agreed to.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said committee: Rev. Mr. Ridgley, Rev. Dr. De Lancey, J. S. Smith, Col. Robinson, and G. M. Wharton.

Mr. Coxe being absent on business, Mr. G. M. Wharton was substituted in his place on the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen of our communion. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee to whom this document was offered, report a resolution that the said document be printed, and a copy be sent to the vestry of each church in the diocese, with a recommendation of the subject to their special attention.

JAMES MAY,
ROBERT E. HOBART,
PETER WILLIAMSON,
G. M. WHARTON.

Mr. Wagner moved that $260 be appropriated to the payment of the mileage of the clergy: which was unanimously passed.

On motion of the Secretary, Resolved, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed.

Mr. Meredith moved the following addition to the report of the committee on the Communication from the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen, viz: that there be appended to it, such explanatory statements as the corporation may think proper to furnish.

The election was then entered into—The Rev. Mr. Sheets, nd Rev. Mr. Ridgley were appointed tellers on the part of the

clergy; and Messrs. Robinson and R. S. Smith on the part of the laity.

The tellers reported the result of the election to be as follows:

Standing Committee.

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. James S. Smith,
Dr. De Lancey,	Tobias Wagner,
Mr. Boyd,	John Andrews,
Dr. Ducachet,	Philip H. Nicklin,
Mr. May,	George M. Wharton.

Deputies to the General Convention.

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Mr. William Meredith,
Mr. Bowman,	Horace Binney,
Mr. Bull,	Edward J. Stiles,
Dr. Upfold,	James S. Smith.

Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. Mr. Rodney,	Mr. Samuel Hazlehurst,
Mr. Sheets,	Mr. Lewis Ashhurst,
Mr. Suddards,	Dr. W. D. Brinckle,

Treasurer of Convention.

Mr. Tobias Wagner.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. Philip H. Nicklin.

The vote being now taken on the resolution offered by Mr. Meredith respecting an addition to the report of the committee on the communication from the Corporation for the relief of Widows, &c., the proposition was agreed to.

The report presented by the committee appointed to determine the rule for ascertaining the cononical existence of the Churches in this Diocese, was called up, and adopted as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred "the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the churches in this diocese," respectfully report:—

That in their opinion a church should be held to have lost its canonical existence, and consequently its rights as a member of the diocese, when it has ceased to fulfil the spiritual purposes for which it was formed; the cessation having continued for a period to be defined by the Convention. But as

such a church may still continue to have legal existence, it should be allowed to resume its canonical standing, when the Convention is satisfied that its spiritual action has revived and is re-established. The committee propose therefore, that the following paragraph be added to Article IV. of the Constitution.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But any such church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, accompanied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

The committee further propose that the following section be added to Canon IX.

Section VI. The standing committee shall, before the meeting of each annual Convention, prepare a report, to be submitted thereto, of every church, a member of this Convention, which, for three years, has made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and which, during the same period, has neither employed a clergyman as its parish minister nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary.

If the measure reported be approved of, the committee propose the adoption of the following resolutions.

By the present Convention:

Resolved, That the foregoing alteration be approved of, and that a copy of this proposed alteration of the Constitution, approved of by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every church which has been admitted a member.

By the Convention of 1838:

Resolved, That a copy of this alteration of the Constitution, now finally approved of and adopted by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every church which has been admitted a member.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. U. Onderdonk, Chairman.

Philadelphia, March 28th, 1837.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, City Missionary.

As required by the canon of the General Convention of 1835, I present the following report of my movements.

I am still acting in the capacity of a city missionary. I continue my efforts among the sick and afflicted, and in the promotion of various benevolent objects.

Since the 18th of last May, I have officiated in the service of the church alone on 15 occasions. I have administered, or assisted in the ministration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 11 occasions. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 207 occasions. I have administered baptism to 44 persons. I have married 39 couple. I have officiated on 105 funeral occasions. My pastoral visits have been 1529, 1448 of them to the sick and afflicted.

I have distributed copies of the bible, and of the new tesment, also of the prayer book.

During the year ending March 11th, I distributed 34,888 pages of Tracts. This, however, does not give a full view of the tract operation, as it is my practice to leave tracts as a loan to be exchanged on the repetition of my visit, thus the same tract may pass to a number of families before I finally lose sight of it.

I continue my weekly appointment at the Magdalen, and my monthly at the widow's asylum.

May the Lord bless these imperfect labors to his glory and the good of immortal souls, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of all Saint's Church, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 32; toal, 39. Communicants, added, 15; died or removed, 7. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Bible Class, 1. Sunday Schools, 2. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $9 50; missionary and other purposes, $78 71; otal, $88 21.

Since our last report, the Church has suffered much by the removal of some families from the neighbourhood. The prospects of the Church are, however, encouraging. Circumstances have transpired, even since the date of this report, calculated to animate our hopes. During the year the spiritual interests of the Church have been gradually improving.

For more than four months, a Bible class was assembled weekly, at the Chapel in Holmesburg.

On Sunday, the service for the morning is held in All Saint's

Church. In the afternoon, at the Chapel. There have been a number of public services at other times in the Parish.

Improvements have been made in the interior of both Churches.

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

I wish it was in my power to give a more favorable account of the state of this parish, than truth will permit me to do. Its temporal affairs still remain in an exceedingly embarrassing condition; and I am afraid they still continue to exert an unfavourable influence upon the spiritual interests of the Church, and upon the cause of religion, round about us. I mentioned in my last report, that the Contribution Society, which had previously existed, for the purpose of raising funds for the payment of the debts due upon the Church building, had been dissolved, and that the whole subject which it had in charge, had been devolved upon the vestry. Since that time, owing to different causes, the vestry have done little more than kindly to entertain the subject, and to make preliminary preparations, for their future action. A new impulse has been given, by the voluntary offer of several of the female members of the Church, to undertake the labour of making the collections for the above object, and it is earnestly hoped that the divine blessing will rest upon their labours. The feeling seems to be extending itself throughout the Church, that its first duty is to relieve itself from debt, and I hope we shall not be thought to have lost any interest in the missionary work, or other Church enterprises, if for the time to come, our chief contributions are appropriated to that object, until it is accomplished.

Baptisms, adults, 4; Infants, 19, total, 23. Communicants, added, 12; Died or removed, 5; present number, 236; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days 2; total, 4. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 19. Children Catechized, 250. Times, weekly. Sunday Schools, male 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 90; female, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 240; total, schools, 4; teachers, 27; pupils, 351. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $10; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $75.

Many of the female members of the Church, deserve all praise, for their indefatigable endeavours to do good in different ways. Some of them up to their utmost ability, and beyond their ability.

The Sunday Schools are in an interesting condition. The

teachers, both male and female, are attentive, patient, and persevering.

"The Unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace," still prevails in every department of the parish; and so far as we are justified to hope for the future from a recollection of the past, there is nothing to induce fear for its continuance.

Two young brethren from the parish, have during the past year, been candidates for the ministry, and are prosecuting their studies in the General Theological Seminary. One brother is entering upon the third year of his candidateship, and of his duties, residing in the city, and three others are acquiring such preparatory Academical learning, as will fit them to enter advantageously upon a course of Theological study.

Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, 15, all infants. Communicants, 69. Congregation, families, 64. Marriages, 6. Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 5; total, 109. Sunday Schools, 1 male, 6 teachers, 30, pupils; 1 female, 11 teachers, 55 pupils; 1 infant school, 1 teacher, 45 pupils. Total, 3 schools, 18 teachers, 130 pupils. Children Catechized, 12 times. Burials, 11. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $42 67. Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $32 67; Convention fund, $15 16; missionary and other purposes, $482. Total, $572 50.

Of the last named sum, $290, were contributed by the Female Missionary Society of St. James' Church, and $50 by a juvenile female Missionary Society, attached to the same Church. The system of monthly offerings, for missionary purposes, (embracing diocesan, as well as more distant missions) has been recently introduced into the Congregation. Thus far, appearances are promising. But the effort is as yet too new, to speak confidently of the final success of it.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches.

In compliance with a Canon of the last General Convention, I beg leave to report to the Bishop, that I am still engaged as Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches. Every Sunday in the month, except the 3d and 5th, when there are so many, my engagements are at St. James' Church, Kingsessing. On the Sundays excepted, I preach at Gloria Dei, in this city. I have afternoon appointments, which are

well attended, in the neighborhood of my immediate charge. A more particular statement of my labours, as these Churches are not in connexion with the Episcopal Church, I suppose will not be expected from me at this time.

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Report of the Rev. William Bryant, Missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, Rector of All Saint's Church, in Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants, 48; total, 48. Congregation, families not known. Communicants, added, 9; Present number, 41.—Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, about 28; total, 132. Confirmed, 9. Children Catechized, 50; times 10. Bible classes, 1; members, 5; Sunday Schools, male teachers 7; pupils, 60; female teachers, 8, pupils, 40; total teachers, 15; pupils, 100. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $32; missionary and other purposes, $6; total, $38.

The money paid into the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, was by the Juvenile Missionary Society of this Church, auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The usefulness of our small establishment, is unequivocal; the greatest difficulty we labour under is, that we are poor altogether.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster Co.

St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester County.

Baptisms, infants 6; total, 6. Congregation, families, 48. Communicants, died or removed, 3; present number 43. Public Services, on Sundays, 27; other days, 4; total 31. Marriages, 1; burials, 2; children catechized, 20; times, 6; bible classes, 1; members, 12; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 48. Collections, Episcopal fund, $5 20; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $6; General Theological Seminary, $80; Missionary and other purposes $26 00½; total, $117 20½.

The congregation of this Church, still continues to be large and attentive.

Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 14; total, 15. Families, 40. Communicants, added, 7; died, 2; present number, 30. Public Services, on Sundays, 30; other days, 1; total, 31. Marriages, 1; Burials, 3; children catechized, 12. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 40. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $4; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $4; missionary and

other purposes, $16 56; General Theological Seminary, $70; total, $94 56.

The attendance here, as in St. John's, is good, and the spiritual affairs of the Church are encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants, about 100. Marriages, 6. Funerals, not known.

Of St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county—Communicants, about 50. Funerals, not ascertained.

Of Bangor Church, Lancaster county, Communicants, about 45. Baptisms, 4, 1 of which was an adult.

We have attached to each of these Churches, a Sunday School, in a tolerably flourishing state. Collections have been made in all these Churches for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for the Episcopal Fund, and for the Convention Fund, except as to the last in St. Mary's, in consequence of unfavourable weather. A missionary society is attached to each of my parishes, which has contributed to the object for which they have been constituted, their mite.

Report of the Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 25; infants, 30; total, 55; Congregation, families, 300; Communicants, added, 94; died or removed, 30; present number, 450; Public services, on Sundays, 104, on other days, 171; total 275; Confirmed, 76; Marriages, 8; Burials, 24; Bible class, 5; members, 130; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 220; female, 5; teachers, 42; pupils, 440; total, schools, 8; teachers, 63; pupils, 660; Collections, Episcopal fund, $50; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $147; Missionary and other purposes, $3,086; total $3,280.

As the Journals of the Convention of the several dioceses of this Union will constitute the materials from which will be gathered in a future age, the history of the church in this country, there is an evident propriety in recording facts that tend to show the spiritual condition of our parishes. In the view of the writer, the prosperity of the church in mere externals, is a matter of very small moment, compared with its spiritual interest, to build up which all the external scaffolding is reared.

It is with gratitude and thankfulness to the giver of all spiritual grace, that the rector of this church records, that the dews of Heaven have fallen during the last year, most

graciously upon this portion of the Lord's vineyard. The daily services during the season of Lent, were peculiarly blessed. We have had, as appears from the above statistics, large accessions to the body of our communicants, and those of a very interesting character.

The benevolent operations of the day which are doing so much to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom over the earth, continue to be regarded among us with great and increasing interest.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of the Swedish Churches in and near to Philadelphia.

Gloria Dei Church, Southwark.

Baptisms, 44; Communicants, about 40; Marriages, 41; Funerals, 14; Confirmed, 12; Communicants, added, 10.

The church is open twice on the Lord's day and also on Tuesday evening. The congregations are generally good, and in a state of increase and improvement. Connected with the church are a male and female Sunday school, and also an infant school, numbering in the whole about 20 teachers, and 150 scholars. The other Swedish Churches are St. James', Kingsessing, and Christ church, Upper Merion; the Rev. S. C. Brinckle officiating as assistant minister at the first, and the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl as assistant at the other. These churches are open on the morning of every Lord's day, the rector officiating once a month at each.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

This church was consecrated September 27th, 1836, and divine service was first celebrated on the succeeding Sunday. Since that, our career as a congregation has been one of growing interest and rapid improvement. We have been prospered both temporally and spiritually, beyond our strongest expectations; and the Lord has made us the recipients of his richest blessings. A continuance of like prosperity, would soon number us as one of the most important parishes which our Zion has in this city.

There has been a collection made in behalf of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, the only one for an object beyond our church; its infantile state requiring all our contributions.

There have been, Baptisms, adults, 16; infants, 55; Marriages, 20; Burials, 17; Confirmed, 43; Communicants, added, 50; deceased, 1; whole number, 69.

Our Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition, and numbers 30 teachers and 296 children, including an infant school of 55 pupils.

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Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The present rector assumed the charge of this parish on the 15th October, 1836; previous to which time, since the last report, he finds by the parochial register, that there had been, Baptisms, Infants, 7; Marriages, 4; Burials, 6.

The rector respectfully presents the following statement of his ministerial acts, and the present condition of the Parish:—Baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 35; total, 45; Congregation, families, 194; adults, 579; children, 370; total, 949; Communicants, actual number, so far as ascertained by him on taking charge, 142; added, 47; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 184; Public services, since 15th October, 1836, (a period of 31 weeks,) on Sundays, 63; other days, 49; total, 112; Confirmed, in Trinity Church, 18; in St. Andrew's, 3; Gloria Dei, 1; total, 22; Marriages, 9; Burials, 11; Children catechised, 200; times, 7; Bible class, 1; members, 63; Sunday schools, male, 2: teachers, 13; pupils, 188; female, 3; teachers, 31; pupils, 286; total, schools, 5; teachers, 44; pupils, 474; Collections, Episcopal fund, $50; Convention fund, $30; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $50; Female Prayer Book Society, $35; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, $20; Missionary and other purposes, $267,85; of which $50 were contributed by the Juvenile Missionary Mite Society attached to the Female Sunday Schools;—total, $452 85.

The rector has preached elsewhere, 24 times, and officiated at 9 funerals without the parish.

Considerable additions have been made to the parish library during the past year, until it now numbers 336 volumes; many of them valuable standard works in theology, ecclesiastical polity, and various departments of christian literature. It is accessible to all the members of the congregation, and it is pleasing to observe its advantages so generally appreciated.

The rector is gratified in reporting that the Sunday schools are flourishing.—The number of scholars has considerably increased, and is quite equal to our present accommodations. The teachers deserve great commendation for their fidelity and zeal. The system of instruction pursued is essentially that recommended in the recent excellent Circular of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, and its benefits are very apparent; the

children are not only trained up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord," but judiciously instructed in the distinctive principles and usages of our holy apostolic church. A foundation and safeguard are thus secured for enlightened and well-informed piety. The children exhibit a pleasing interest in the liturgical services of the school and church, and the hearts of their teachers have been gladdened at beholding many of them presenting themselves for confirmation, meeting with them around the same table of the Lord, and devoting themselves to the delightful work of teaching to others the precious truths which they first imbibed in the Sunday school. There are valuable libraries attached to our various schools, containing 751 volumes, among which are all the publications of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

The ladies of the congregation have recently formed a Dorcas Society, which during the past year extended considerable aid to the poor and destitute.

The Bible class, taught by the rector, is composed of ladies who meet in the lecture room every Friday evening, and it is gratifying to observe the interest they manifest in studying those scriptures which "are able to make them wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Our Wednesday evening services are all held in the church, and the attendance is very encouraging.

The temporal interests of the parish are ably managed by a zealous and prudent vestry, and are more flourishing than at any former period. A valuable lot adjoining our present property has been lately purchased, and the vestry contemplate erecting a new brick school house, painting and repairing the church, and other desirable improvements.

In reviewing his labours, the rector finds great cause for thankfulness. The congregation has rapidly increased; the word preached is heard with solemn and devout attention; and through the Divine blessing, it has proved to many the "savour of life unto life." "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." While he feels deeply grateful for the encouraging tokens of the past, he would pray to be made more diligent and faithful for the future; that at last both he and the dear people committed to his charge, may receive the crown of life, which fadeth not away.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 8; total, 10; Congregation, families, 40; adults, 88; children, 56; total, 144; Communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 8; present number, 62; Public services, on Sundays, 74; other days, 20; total, 94; Marriages, 4; Burials, 1; children chatechized, times, 8, Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 6; pupils, 33; female teachers, 13; pupils, 39; total, schools, 1; teachers, 19; pupils, 72; collections, convention fund, $11,32; Missionary and other purposes, $607; total, $618,32.

During a great part of the year, the rector was obliged by ill health to suspend the Sunday afternoon service, and all his services on week days. This has no doubt operated to the disadvantage of the congregation. But we have reason to be thankful to God that he has not left us without some tokens of his favour. It is believed, that though we have decreased in numbers, from removal of our members to other parts of the country, we have increased in spirituality and christian consistency.

The money collected during the past year with the exception of the collection for convention, has been appropriated to the building of a Sunday school and lecture room, which we hope to have completed the ensuing summer.

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Report of the Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, Missionary, in Centre County.

Baptisms, Infants, 3; Communicants, 5; Marriages, 2; familiar, 18; Sunday Schools, 1.

A Church is erecting in Belle Fonte. At Phillipsburgh, the aspect of affairs is less encouraging than formerly.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the last Convention, I have occasionally performed all [illegible] service, and occasionally preached. I have baptized [illegible] persons, one adult, and two children, and officiated at [illegible] funeral. It would afford me sincere pleasure, to report [illegible] to resume the usual labours of the parish ministry or missionary, had I the physical ability to sustain [illegible].

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Report of the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 35; total, 40. Communicants,

added, 35; died or removed, 13; present number, 180. Public Services, on Sundays, 106; other days, 70; total 176; Confirmed, 26; Marriages, 12; Burials, 26; Children catechized, 150: times, 5; Bible class, 1; Members, 150; Schools, male, 1; Teachers, 14; pupils, 115; female, 2; teachers 31; pupils, 260; female adult school, 6 teachers, 50 scholars; 1 day school, 1 teacher, 50 scholars; Total schools 5; teachers 52; pupils 475; Collections and contributions, Episcopal Fund, $200 Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 60; missionary and other Church objects, 971; Convention Fund, 94; total, $1825.

The assistant Minister of St. Peter's Church, returned to his flock, and resumed his duties on the 30th May, 1836, having been absent in pursuit of health, by the kind indulgence of the rector and vestry, and the written permission of the Bishop, for about thirteen months. He reports with heartfelt gratitude, the steadiness and undiminished prosperity of his flock, during his absence; and the valuable aid extended to them by the Bishop, and so many of his clerical brethren.—The sorrowful bereavement which the Church has experienced in the death of Bishop White, deprived the Parish of the able, pious, and faithful Christian pastor, who for nearly sixty years, had exercised his ministry in the meekness and wisdom of the Gospel with universal regard and love. This event occurred on the 17th July, 1836, at which time, the present Rector, in virtue of his original appointment, succeeded to the Rectorship. The general condition of the parish is prosperous, both in its temporal and in its spiritual concerns. At the beginning of this year, (1837) the plan of making quarterly collections for Church objects, as a substitute for Parochial Societies and Associations, was commenced. The first two collections, yielding more than $540 each, are, it is hoped, an earnest of the success and profitableness of the schemes. The Parochial Day School, which was commenced in 1834, continues to be prosperous and useful; it has fifty scholars.

The Rector reports also, that he has statedly visited and lectured at Christ Church Hospital, which is under the conjoint pastoral care of the Rectors of Christ Church, and St. Peter's. The institution has more than 37 inmates.

By the liberality of his vestry, the Rector has been enabled to enjoy, since 10th November last, the valuable and acceptable services of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, in the discharge of his parochial duties.

Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, (Swedish,) Upper Merion, Montgomery County.

Baptism, infant, 1; Congregation, families, 41; Communicants, 25; Public Services, on Sundays, 52; Burials, 15; Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 45. Contributions, for missionary purposes, $25.

We are about enlarging the church edifice, for which purpose the sum of $2000 has been subscribed by the members of the Congregation. There is an increasing interest manifested in the services of the Church; and a much more regular attendance than formerly.

I officiate in St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, once a month. I have not been able to ascertain the number of families belonging to it.

I also officiate in the Church built by Mrs. Rachel Wetherill, called the Union Church, 5 miles above Norristown, in Montgomery county. In this Church, I preach 16 times in the course of the year. The congregation in attendance is very good. It is composed of several denominations of Orthodox Christians. There is a Sunday School under the entire charge of members of our own Communion. There are teachers, 5; pupils, 50.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 22; total, 23; Communicants, present number, 200; Confirmed, 5; Burials, 49; Bible class, 1, Members, 16; Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 50; female, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 100; total schools, 3; teachers, 19; pupils, 150.

The present Rector was instituted on Ascension Day, May 4th, and having been so few days in the parish, is unable to make a more full parochial report. The congregation for nearly a year past, have been without a Rector, and none of the collections required by the Canons, have yet been made. They will be made with as little delay as possible.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, the venerable Bishop White, who for sixty-four years, was connected with this Church, and for 57 years its Rector—has gone to his rest; and was followed, in a few weeks, by his successor, and former assistant, the Rev. John W. James.

The interior of the Church, has undergone extensive alterations, and is now as beautiful and commodious, as any in the city. A large and elegant organ has also been erected.—

These are all the remarks which the Rector has it in his power to make. Of the state of the Congregation, he can only say that on the two Sundays which he has officiated, the Church was filled with attentive worshippers.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants, 14; Communicants, removed, 2; present number, 5; Sunday school, male teachers, 2; female teachers, 3; children, average number, 70; Congregation, children, 70; adults, average number, 80, total, 150; families, about 20; public services of Rector on Sundays, 104; other days, 40.

It may be stated with gratitude to God, that there is much in the present aspect of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, to inspire confidence in its stability. The rector preaches, during the summer, every Sunday morning and afternoon; and during the winter, in the morning and evening. Prayer books have been given as rewards to those children of the Sunday school who have behaved most devoutly in the church, and have applied themselves with the most assiduity to their religious studies. A temperance society has been formed in Francisville, to which most of the congregation are attached, which has proved, with the Divine blessing, of much service in restraining the prevailing sin of intemperance. The rector has loaned a small but handsome organ to the congregation. The location of this church in a village where there was not one Episcopal family was injudicious; but at present from the success with which the Lord has crowned the preaching of the gospel, there is every reason to conclude, that the cause of Christ will be promoted, and that the principles of our Zion will obtain a firm and durable influence on the minds of the population.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglas, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 9; total, 11, Congregation, families, 89; adults, about 400; children, 175; total, 575; Communicants, added, 15; Died or removed, 1; present number, 92; public services, on Sundays, 106; other days, 54; total, 160; Confirmed, 28; Marriages, 13; Burials, 15; children catechised, 40; times, 12; bible class, 1; members, 19; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 76; female, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 92; total, schools, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 168.

The above report, the rector presents under the cheering conviction, that during the past year, the word of the Lord dispensed, has not been in vain; but has proved a special blessing to the souls of some committed to his charge. He is led to this impression, from the increasing attendance on public worship, the addition to the number of communicants, and from the growing interest manifested by a goodly number, on the all-important subject of vital godliness. The last mark is discovered, chiefly, among the younger portion of our charge; but, to the praise of God's grace, a few among the old, by the perceptible change in their "conversation," give good evidence that they had not passed that awful line of moral blindness and stupidity, beyond which, few, if any, ever retrace their steps. The Sunday school in both departments, is now very well attended. And the present faithfulness of the teachers we take pleasure in commending.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Missionary, Columbia county.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.

Baptisms, infants, 11; Congregation, families, 38; adults, as far as ascertained, 74; children, 74; total, 148; Communicants, added 1; present number, 14; public services, on Sundays, 11; other days, 5; total, 16; Marriages, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2,95; missionary and other purposes, $2,95; total, $5,90.

The missionary upon his last visit to Sugar Loaf, called the attention of his congregation to the revival of the Sunday school; that being the first opportunity since the opening of the spring season. The effort then made, though it augured favourably, does not enable him to report the condition of the school. He is happy to add that he finds a very respectful attention to the gospel from a congregation which it would surprise a visitor to see collected there.

Orangeville.

The prominent place Orangeville has occupied in the past labours of the missionary to Sugar Loaf, induces him to make a distinct report of his services there. In defiance of professed prejudice against the use of the liturgy, it has been successfully maintained by the assistance of an episcopal family living in the neighbourhood, and the place of our worship has been *filled*, if not crowded during the past year. Could the Prayer Book Society be prevailed upon to make a special donation of books to this congregation, it is not to be doubted that it

would be attended with signal advantage to the cause of the church.

The missionary reports, Sunday services, 12; other days, 2; marriages, 2; Funerals, 2; Baptisms, infant, 1.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.

Baptisms, infants, 9; Congregation, families, 47; Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 1; present number, 70; public services, on Sundays, 43; other days, 51; total, 94; Marriages, 5; Burials, 11; Children catechized in Sunday school; Bible class, 1; members, 13; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 17; pupils, 50; Collections, Episcopal fund, $3; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $7,07; Missionary and other purposes, $5,45; total, $15,52.

The old church building has been removed from its site, and the foundation of the new one has been laid. The erection of it was some time since committed by contract to an enterprising and responsible gentleman of the congregation, who will spare no pains to render it substantial and beautiful. It is hoped it will be ready for consecration in the fall. The rector of the congregation desires to record an expression of grateful regard towards his Lutheran brethren for their renewed accommodation of our congregation, in kindly allowing us the occupancy of their house of worship until the church is finished.

Christ Church, Jersey Town, Madison Township.

Baptisms, Infants, 3; Congregation, families, 16; Communicants, added, 3; died, 1; present number, 23; public services, on Sundays, 17; other days, 3; total, 20; Confirmed, at Danville, 2; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 2; Collection for Society for Advancement of Christianity, $2,29; Missionary and other purposes, $7,01.

Around this spot there yet linger some of the most interesting associations, connected with the planting of the church in this quarter. It was the earliest church, I believe, erected here for Episcopal worship. The old building has been superseded by a new one. There are a few who remain faithful to the vows of other days; but Rachel may weep for her children, because they are not. Untoward circumstances have contributed to the decline of the church—among these the change of ministers and the long intervals of vacancy may be reckoned. The present minister has not used faithfulness

enough to recover her from her lethargy. We think upon her stones, and it pities us to see her in the dust; but we hope the time is come for the Lord to arise and have mercy upon her.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 5; children, 60; total 65—Confirmed, 12—Marriages, 12—Burials, 22—Communicants, added, 35; present number, about 200—Public services, on Sundays, 115; other days, 30; total, 145—Bible class, members, about 200; times, 22—Sunday school, 1—Children catechized, about 200; times, 12—Collections, for Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $302,30; other purposes, general and local, as far as ascertained, about $1500.

In this church there is still pursued the system reported the last year; and there is manifest still undiminished prosperity.

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Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

During the last twelve months, I have performed divine service, and preached in and near Philadelphia, as often as the state of my health would permit.

I have repeatedly preached at the Alms House, the Penitentiary at Cherry Hill, and the County Prison in Moyamensing. My duties at the Alms House, have been chiefly confined to such as are prevented by age or infirmities from attending the Chapel; among these, I have found many members of the Episcopal Church.

During the last winter, I performed divine service, and preached on the morning of every Lord's day, in a room granted for the use of Episcopalians, situated near the junction of Sixth street, and the Germantown Road. Many of the children of that neighbourhood, were regularly assembled for religious instruction, and prayer books distributed among them and their parents.

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Report of the Rev. Frederick Freeman, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 16; total, 18; Communicants, added, 14; Died or removed, 5; present number, 31; Public Services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 6, total, 110; Confirmed, 15; Marriages, 11; Burials, 18; children catechized, 94; Sunday Schools, male and female teachers, 17, Pupils, 230;

Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $3 50.

The Congregation has received a gradual and constant accession of numbers from the Rector's connexion with the parish to the present time, although it has been subject to frequent changes by removals. These fluctuations, inseparable from a manufacturing population, and unknown to the same extent in other places, are a source of much discouragement to the rector, and have been particularly trying during the last year, taking from the place, besides many individuals whose attachment to the church had created fond hopes of their permanency and usefulness, a number of families whose good influence in behalf of the church was much needed and whose departure is greatly regretted. A reflection, however, which is of itself well calculated to reconcile the mind to these losses, is found in connexion with the confident hope that the influence of these valuable members who remove to other places, is transferred, not lost to our Zion; and that those who were beginning to discover a religious regard for the divine requirements, and an attachment to our institutions, will still seek for instruction from the church, and be guided, quickened, and savingly benefitted through her ministry and ordinances.

The church in this place, although yet in its infancy, and chiefly dependent on the voluntary subscriptions of a few, most of whom are gentlemen of the Vestry, for pecuniary support, may still, on the whole, be regarded as giving pleasing evidence of outward prosperity. A commodious Vestry-room is now in the course of completion. The Sunday school affords a fine field for benevolent effort, but might be rendered more efficient, and the number of pupils might be very considerably increased, were a sufficient number of competent teachers to be obtained. The contiguity of the place to the city, and the facilities of communication between the city and village, expose our youth to many and strong temptations, and to the unhallowed example of multitudes of strangers who throng our streets on the Lord's day. Besides this, the temptation which is consequent from the close confinement of a great portion of the population during six days of the week in the manufacturing establishments, to make Sunday a day of recreation, visiting, journeying, and worse, operates most unfavourably upon the religious character, morals, and intelligence of very many. Sunday schools were never more needed in any place, nor the faithful and untiring labours of the Gospel ministry. The church here occupies a position of great re-

sponsibility, and, we are persuaded, as it is better known, will excite greater interest in its behalf. In a population of from 3,500 to 5,000 or more, in number, the great majority have no Sabbath, no proper regard for gospel privileges, and apparently no care for the salvation of their souls. A very large proportion of these are in the morning of life. The parish library has recently been enlarged, through the accustomed liberality of a gentleman of the Vestry. The church is at unity in itself—harmonious in all its movements—and, so far as is known, enjoys the kindly feelings of the various denominations by which we are surrounded.

That this branch of the church may abound more in godliness, and that through the mercy of God, and the gracious operations of the Holy Spirit, the moral and religious improvement which, though very gradual, has been witnessed in this place, may be continued, increased, and consummated, is our heart's desire and prayer to Almighty God.

Report of the Rev. L. N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County, and St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington, County, Pa.

Christ Church, Fayette County.

Baptisms, infants, 12; total, 12; Congregation, families, 34; Communicants, added 10; present number, 37; Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 60; total, 164; Confirmed, 8; Marriages 2; Burials, 7; Children catechized, 30; times, 6; Bible classes, 1; members, 12; Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 30; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 35; total, schools, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 55; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $20; missionary and other purposes, $215; total, $235.

The state of things in this Parish, is decidedly encouraging. The Church is evidently gaining upon the affections of the people, by pursuing her own quiet and unobtrusive course. She has not received large accessions to her communion; nor, can it be expected that she will, in a place like this. But those who join her communion, do so upon principle. They intelligently appreciate her distinctive features and superior claims. They enter her fold under no excitement, but that which is produced by love to God and his Church. They are, therefore, not likely to be "tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, and the slight and cunning craftiness of men," but to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Montgomery County.

This parish has undergone no change since my report to the last convention. Except preaching once a month in this church, and administering the communion on several occasions, there has been no official act performed by myself, since that time. During the last summer, the Rev. J. H. Marsden preached frequently in this parish. One hundred and twenty dollars have been raised in it, towards the repairs that were made on the Church, a year or two since. Four dollars and twenty-two cents have been collected for the Convention fund.

Report of the Rev. Walker E. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, infants, 7; total, 7; Communicants, added, 12; Died or removed, 6; present number, 28; Public Services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 23; total, 59; confirmed, 6; marriages, 1; burials, 2; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5; missionary and other purposes, $5 21; total, $10 21.

I have been connected with this parish, since the first of September last. In the list of communicants left by my predecessor, (Rev. Mr. Hutchins) are 22 names. Of this number, one is dead, and four have left the place. Since then, 12 persons have united with our communion, one of whom has left the place. The record of baptisms, &c., refers to transactions since the first of September. The Sunday School has two superintendents, 1 Secretary and Librarian, and 4 male, and 9 female teachers. The average attendance of girls, is from 35 to 40, and of boys, from 30 to 35.

Report of the Rev. R. D. Hall, late Rector of the united Parishes of St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware Co.

St. Paul's, Chester.

Baptisms, children, 10; Congregation, families, about, 30; Communicants, 34; marriages, 14; Public Services, on Sundays and other days, 100; funerals, 3; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils, 60.

St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

Baptisms, adult, 1; children, 3; total, 4; Burials, 2 adults, 2 children, total, 4; Congregation, Families, about 60; Communicants, 56; Public Services, about 70; 1 Sunday School, 10 teachers, 80 pupils.

The late rector further reports, that he relinquished his charge of the two parishes, on the 2d of April last. A long indisposition, and consequent incapacity for regular parochial duty, have induced this measure. Through his sickness and

absence, the several collections for Church purposes, have been neglected. He reports however, sixteen dollars collected at an Association of the Clergy in St. Martin's, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Report of the Rev. R. A. Henderson, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 51; total, 52; Confirmed, 10; Communicants, added, 28; removed, 6; died, 3; present number, 19; marriages, 6; burials, 42; Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 29; pupils, 406; Collections, Sunday Schools, $83 87; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $17 35; Parochial purposes, $1539; total, $1640 22.

This parish was organized on the 10th of last May; the condition of the old parish of St. Luke's being found hopeless and past remedy, and the congregation on the verge of dispersion, an evil which, by the blessing of God on the efforts made, has been averted by this change.

This parish is yet small, owing to the want of Church-room; all the pews and sittings in the present building being rented, and there being no place for about three thousand persons, English and Welsh miners and families, who have been connected with the Church of England, who are engaged in the collieries of this region; and who have claims upon the Church for pastoral care, and religious instruction. The Sunday School Department is limited by the same cause.

The spiritual condition of the congregation, so far as can be ascertained by outward indications is, God be thanked, healthy. The influence of correct principles seems to be extending through the region.

The pecuniary concerns of this parish are in a sound state. The present revolution in commerce must necessarily delay the execution of the projects of the vestry; but already much has been done in removing the odium resting upon our communion, in consequence of the debts due by St. Luke's Church.

The rector of this parish performed services on Sunday evenings, in Mr. Hill's school house, at Schuylkill Haven, from the month of May, until towards the close of the last year, and has now three services on Sundays, in the Church in town. He also attends constantly, the Sunday School, and occasionally catechizes the children in the body of the Church. He has also made frequent visits of a missionary character, in various directions throughout the neighbourhood. In one instance, as far as Mount Hope, in Lancaster County, the resi-

dence of Mrs. Grubb, where he preached twice, addressed the Sunday School pupils, and baptized nine children. This pious and intelligent member of the Church, has fitted up a chapel in one of the wings of her mansion, where a Sunday School is taught by herself and family.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults, 2; total, 2; Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 4; present number, 32; Public Services, on Sundays, 41; other days, 6; total, 47; marriages, 3; burials, 5; Children catechized, 37; times, 4; bible classes, 1; members, 10; Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils 45; total, schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 45; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 34; missionary and other purposes, $45; total, $50 34.

The present Rector took charge of this parish about nine months ago, since which time it has enjoyed the one half of his labours, on Sundays. A weekly lecture was commenced early in the fall, in a school house near the Church, which, the rector is sorry to say, was but very poorly attended. Nevertheless, he has reason to believe, that the few who did attend, frequently found it good for them to be there. The attendance on our services, on Sundays, is generally good, and seems to be increasing. And although, there has been but one individual added to our communion, since I took charge of the congregation, yet I trust, the seed which has been sown during that time, has not all "fallen by the way side" or "among thorns," but that part of it, at least, has fallen "on good ground," which, in due time, will spring up, and bring forth fruit unto holiness.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester Co.

I took charge of this parish, in connexion with that of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, in the latter part of July last. During the summer, I officiated, in St. Peter's, once every Lord's day; but during the winter, only once every other Lord's day. There has been no addition to our communion since I came here, neither have there been any baptisms during that time. There having been kept no regular list of the communicants of this parish, I set down the number as I find it in the last report of my predecessor, which is 25. The whole amount of money raised, during the period of my labours here, is but $4 16, a sum, I must say, by no means proportioned to the ability of the congregation.

In regard to the spiritual prospects of this parish, I have but little to say. I have endeavoured to preach faithfully unto them the word of God; but as yet I have seen little, or no fruit arising from my labours. May the Lord soon grant us a time of refreshing from his presence, that sinners may be converted unto the Lord, and his own people more firmly built up in their most holy faith.

Report of the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware county.

Baptisms, infants, 9; Congregation, families, 15; adults, 60; children, 50; total, 110; Communicants, added, 10, died or removed, 3; present number, 45; Public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 10; total, 56; Marriages, 3; burials, 1; Collections, Episcopal fund, $5; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $8; total, $13.

The rector resigned the charge of this parish last Easter. Since then they have had occasional supplies from Philadelphia. Arrangements however, are now making to secure the services of a clergyman in connexion with West-Chester.

Calvary Church, Rockdale.

Baptisms, infants, 2; Congregation, families, 20, adults, 200; children, 50; total, 250; Communicants, added, 15; present number, 15; Public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 2; total, 54; Children catechized, 100; times, 15; Bible class, 1; Members, 14; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 70; Female, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 60; total, schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 130; Collection, Episcopal fund, $6,50.

The prospects of this church are very encouraging; our services are well attended. And although this congregation is in its infancy, its members, with laudable zeal and liberality have erected a handsome Gothic church of stone, occupying an elevated situation, which is nearly completed, and will accommodate 350 persons. The basement story is now open for Divine service.

Report of the Rev. J. W. Hoffman.

The Rev. J. W. Hoffman respectfully reports to the Bishop, that after his ordination as Deacon, on the 10th of July, 1836, he remained in Philadelphia, and officiated occasionally, until the middle of August following, when he proceeded to the city of Pittsburgh, and took charge of the parishes of Christ Church, Alleghanytown, and St. John's, Laurenceville. On

the 20th of March, 1837; he resigned his connection with both these parishes, and shortly after visited and supplied the vacant parish of St. Luke's, Marietta, Ohio, for the space of one month.

The above report comprehends all ministerial duties performed previous to May 1st, 1837.

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Report of the Rev. J. F. Hoff, Missionary for St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county; St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county; and St. Stephen's Church, Thompsontown, Juniatta county.

St. Mark's Church.

Baptisms, infants, 4; Congregation, families, 20; adults, 50; children, 60; total, 110; Communicants, 16; Public services, Sundays, 30; Burials, 3; Children catechized, 20; times, 6; Bible class, 1; members, 25; Sunday school, 1; teachers, male, 4; female, 13; scholars, 120; Collections, Missionary and other purposes, $26.

The minister of this church took charge of it and of the two stations, the reports of which are given below, in October last. As to success in the great purpose of the ministry, throughout his charge, he is able to give little more satisfactory than that the truth has had a respectful hearing, and there is hope of fruit at an early day.

The only place where he would have been at all justified in asking the required contributions is St. Mark's, Lewistown. But inasmuch as the whole burden of collections here falls on a very few, and these had given so much to various objects during my short ministry among them, it was thought excusable to omit the contributions for the present.

St. John's Church, Huntingdon.

Public services, Sundays, 14; children catechized, 24; times, 7; Congregation, families, 15; adults, 40; children, 40; total, 80.

Encouraged by the expectation of assistance from members of Christ church, Philadelphia, the Episcopalians here soon after the commencement of my labors opened a subscription for the erection of a house of worship. The subscriptions in Huntingdon and neighborhood, amount to $1400. From the Ladies Missionary Association we have $500; $300 of which is the proceeds of a Fair, and the rest mostly collected on the occasion of a sermon by the Bishop of New Jersey, in commemoration of the late Rev. Mr. James. From other Episcopa-

lians of the city, principally of the same congregation, about $360. But for the difficulty of procuring a suitable lot, the building would have been begun before the present time.

St. Stephen's Church, Thompsontown.

Under this title a church was organized some years ago with good prospect of success. A building was commenced and far advanced towards completion, when the removal of several families reduced the church to a merely nominal existence. At present there are not more than three or four families in the neighbourhood in any way connected with our communion. I have visited this place at regular intervals and preached on 6 Sundays.

Report of the Rev. William Hommann, Missionary for Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks, county.

Christ Church, Pottstown.

Public services, on Sundays, 11; week-days, 5; occasional services, 1; Baptisms, 1 adult; 1 infant; total, 2; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 70.

St. Gabriel's, Morlattin.

Public services, on Sundays, 13; week-days, 7; occasional service, 1, Baptisms, 4 adults; 4 infants; total 8; Burials, 2; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 50.

The missionary has officiated in the above churches only 3 months. He can therefore report but little except the duties which have been performed, in consequence of his partial acquaintance with the spiritual condition of the congregations. They were entirely destitute of ministerial services for one year previous to the acceptance of the charge, by the present missionary. There is a very encouraging desire manifested in both congregations to partake of spiritual blessings, and we think there is a pleasing probability of much good being accompanied by the Divine blessing. The temporal condition of the congregation of St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, is prosperous, but that of Christ Church, Pottstown, not so bright, although we hope that by some exertion, the present difficulty will soon be obviated.

The missionary officiated at Farrandsville, Lycoming county, since the last annual convention, until January of the present year. The following is the amount of the duty performed there from May 1st, 1836, to January 27th, 1837.

Public services, on Sundays, 44; week-days, 29; occasional services, 2; Sunday services in adjacent places, 26; Baptisms, 14 infants; Burials, 2; Marriages, 1.

Making a total amount of duties performed, as follows:—
Services on Sundays, 91; week-days, 41; occasional, 4; total, 136; Baptisms, 18 infants; 5 adults; total, 23; Burials, 4; Marriages, 1.

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The Rev. Joseph Jaquett

Reports that he has been engaged during the past year in teaching Theological Students and others, the Hebrew Language. He has also preached and performed other public services at various times during the same conventional period.—He likewise reports,
Baptisms, 4 infants; Burials, 8; 6 adults, 2 children.

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Report of the Rev. John J. Kerr, Missionary for Trinity Church, Connelsville, Fayettee county, and Christ Church, Greensburgh.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 13; total, 15; Congregation, families, 19; adults, 52; children, 49; total, 101; Communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 29; Public services, on Sundays, 47; other days, 15; total, 62; Confirmed, 3; Burials, 6; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 47.

Christ Church, Greensburgh.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 5; total, 8; Congregation, families, 25; adults, 58; children, 63; total, 122; Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 32; Public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 7; total, 53; Confirmed, 8; Sunday schools, 2 departments, male, 2 teachers; 20 pupils; female, 4 teachers; 25 pupils.

The churches at Connelsville and Greensburgh, have been under my care for more than a year—neither of the congregations is large, as may be inferred from the above reports. They have each a sufficiently commodious house of worship, but in an unfinished state. The pecuniary difficulties which usually attend young and indigent parishes, in these parts of the country, where what are commonly termed the peculiarities of the church, are but little known, have pressed uncommonly heavy upon them.

The towns in which they are situate have not had the advantages of the public improvements of the country which have enriched and increased the population of many other places in the state.

At Greensburgh their church was completed, but owing to the imperfect and unskilful manner in which it was done, through the lapse of a few years it has become greatly out of repair, and the walls, from defect in the foundation, threaten to fall; consequently a considerable sum of money will be requisite to refit it—a sum too great to be raised in a congregation so limited in number, and so moderate in wealth.

At Connelsville their church edifice was never entirely finished, and is somewhat in debt—funds are also necessary to aid this parish in extricating itself from embarrassments; funds which they cannot raise among themselves while they pay their quota to the missionary salary.

If these churches were relieved from their present necessity, their prospects of being permanently established, and extensively useful, are very fair, and in my opinion the benevolent and wealthy friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church could not direct their liberality to more worthy and important objects.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler county; St. Paul's, Kittanning; Trinity Parish, Freeport; and St. Michael's, Wayne Township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 14; total, 15; Congregation, families, 32; adults, 73; children, 55; total, 128; Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 48; Public services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 5; total, 41; Burials, 5; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 5; female teachers, 2; male pupils, 12; female pupils, 8; total teachers, 7; total pupils, 20; Collections, convention fund, $5,00; other purposes, $20,00; total, $25,00.

St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 16; total, 17; Congregation, families, 37; adults, 94; children, 76; total, 170; Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 6; present number, 22; Public services, on Sundays, 32; other days, 12; total, 42; Burials, 2; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 2; female teachers, 3; male pupils, 15; female pupils, 25; total teachers, 5; total pupils, 40; Collection, missionary and other purposes $182.

Trinity Parish, Freeport.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 7; total, 12; Congregation, families, 24; adults, 55; children, 40; total, 95; Communicants, added, 11; Present number, 38; public services, on Sundays, 24;

other days, 12; total 36; marriages, 1; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 7; female teachers, 6; male pupils, 25; female pupils, 30; total teachers, 13; total pupils, 55; Collections, missionary and other purposes, $20.

St. Michael's Parish, Wayne Township.

Baptisms, infants, 8; Congregation, families, 23; adults, 75; children, 49; total, 134; Communicants, added, 15; present number, 25; Public services, on Sundays, 4; other days, 9; total, 13; Collections, missionary and other purposes, $12,50.

The minister of these parishes desires most gratefully to record the fact, that through divine assistance, an appeal to his christian brethren abroad has been so far successful, as to enable him to proceed in the erection of churches for Trinity Parish, Freeport, and St. Michael's, Wayne Township. Immediately after the last convention he proceeded to the cities of New York and Brooklyn, where during a short visit he collected $63,00, of which $40,00 were contributed by members of St. Ann's church, Brooklyn, and a check for $100 has since been forwarded by the worthy rector of that truly liberal congregation.

During the month of September he also visited the city of Pittsburgh, and obtained there in cash and materials about $250; and in October he repaired to Philadelphia, where his application was received with a christian spirit, and a kindness evinced towards him, for which, however unworthy of it, he must ever be grateful.

He cannot refrain from particularizing the zeal of two distinguished ladies of St. Stephen's church, through whose untiring efforts in his behalf a large amount was contributed; and, but that it would offend a piety which seeks to approve itself only to God, he would be happy to name, in conjunction with them, a lady of Grace church, who presented him with a check for $50 and a set of communion plate. During his stay of two weeks in Philadelphia, $585,50 were collected. Since then $55 have been placed at his command by that noble band of christian ladies, the Bee Hive Sewing Society of St. James' church, Philadelphia; $22 have also been appropriated towards the objects of his mission, by the male Sunday school of St. Andrew's church; and $20 forwarded by the ladies of St. Stephen's church above alluded to.

The building in Wayne Township is so far completed as to admit of service being held in it. The Lord's supper was ad-

ministered there on the 5th Sunday after Easter, on which occasion five persons were added to the communion, and three infants dedicated to God in the holy rite of baptism. A Sunday school has been organized with encouraging prospects. The few books in it were kindly supplied by some pious ladies of Philadelphia. Prayer books and books of instruction are much needed; and the more so, as it is likely many adults will attend. A well conducted school, supplied with a good library and the requisite books of instruction, will be a blessing to that settlement, and a great benefit to the church, for, owing to his present engagements, the minister can only preach to this congregation on a week day at an interval of three weeks.

At the request of the Vestry of St. Paul's church, Kittanning, their pastor visited the cities of Baltimore and Washington in January last, with the view of raising funds to aid them in discharging a debt against their church, long due. In Washington city he obtained $98; and after great exertions for one week in Baltimore, $27 were collected.

The congregation in Freeport is gradually increasing, the Sunday school in a flourishing state, and lay reading regularly held every Lord's day, when the pastor is not present.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Missionary, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St James' Church, West Marlborough, Chester county.

St. John's Church, New London.

Baptisms, infants, 7; Congregation, families, 29; Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 3: present number, 38; Public Services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 23; total, 59; Burials, 3; children catechized, 22; times, 22; Bible class, 1; members, 4; Sunday school, 1: male and female teachers, 7; pupils, 39; total, school, 1, teachers, 7; pupils, 39; Collections, Episcopal fund, $2,22; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $8 50; other purposes, $4 03½; total, 14 75½.

While we have had no accession to this parish by removals into it, several families, during the past year, have emigrated from it into the Western country.

St. James' Church, West Marlborough.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5; Communicants, added, 2; present number, 3; Public services, on Sundays, 24; other days, 6; total, 30; Collections, Society for Advancement of Christianity, $2 87½; parochial purposes, $5 00; total, $7 87½.

As there had never been a Sunday school in this place, and no teachers offered, I opened one myself in November last, which has been continued up to the present time. The children have been instructed between services, some in the catechism, and all according to the system of our Union. Though but 11 in number, they have been regular and attentive.

I have preached 23 times at Glennville, where I have baptised 4 children; 10 times near Doe Run Factories, and a number of times at distant places.

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Report of the Rev. W. B. Lacey, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

Baptisms, infants, 11; marriages, 7; confirmed, 9; communicants, 12; individuals attached to the congregation, about 50. Circumstances arising from the infancy of the Church, prevent a fuller report.

When, from domestic circumstances and declining health, I deemed it my duty to relinquish some of the severe duties of the Christian ministry, it was under the full conviction I had no right to do so, unless in exact conformity with the indications of divine Providence. Consequently, on resigning my charge of St. Peter's Church, in the city of Albany, in 1832, I resolved to devote as much of my time to the immediate interests of the Church, as other duties would permit; and on removing to this vicinity, commenced the performance of public worship, on Sundays, in my own house. On the 1st of August, 1834, a congregation was duly organized, by the name of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville; and having accepted the rectorship of this Church, immediately on its organization, I have since endeavoured to perform the duties of the office. On the 15th of September, 1835, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hilton, I laid the corner stone of the Church edifice; and although, from circumstances beyond our control, the completion of the building has been delayed longer than we had expected, it is now ready for consecration. The edifice is built in the Gothic order, of substantial materials, and presents to the eastern limits of Pittsburgh, a very handsome appearance. We have an organ now in the Church, a good choir, and all other things requisite for public worship, in proper order.

What will be the success of this enterprise, time alone can disclose. Its progress thus far, has afforded me great satisfaction, especially as it opens to me, the prospect of ending my days in the service of that Church, which has long been the object of my admiration and love.

Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County.

Baptisms, infants, 4; Congregation, families, 37; adults, 110; children, 54; total, 164; Communicants, added, 3; present number, 38; Public Services, on Sundays, 58; other days, 10; total, 68; marriages, 3; burials, 6; children catechized, 6; times, 10; bible classes, 1; members, 20. Sunday schools were discontinued through the winter, and have not yet commenced again; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10; missionary and other purposes, $30; total, $40.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford Co.

Present number of Communicants, 18; burials, 3; Public Services, on Sundays, 38; other days, 2; total, 40; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5.

This Church is feeble, and unable to secure clerical services for the present year. One of her liberal supporters has been removed by death.

St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna Co.

Baptisms, children 1; present number of Communicants, 28; Public Services, on Sundays, 18.

Since the first of January, I have divided my time equally between this Church and Springville, giving the meanwhile, extra-services, at Pike 6 times, and once at Montrose. To these last named places, I can give occasional attention till they are otherwise supplied. The fields your missionary occupies, are great and far asunder. To cultivate them according to good husbandry, giving due attention to all, watching the vicissitudes of the weather, and the face of the sky, so as to receive the full benefit of every gleam of sunshine, and every falling shower; to put up the fences, and guard against the love of novelty and infidelity—against the prejudices of the people to the *form* of sound words,—to do all these things decently and in order requires more labour than one humble individual can bestow.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, and Trinity Church, Rockville, Crawford County, Missionary.

Athens, Towanda, Columbia and Troy, Bradford Co.

Baptisms, children, 3; Communicants, 18; families, 28; adults, 61; children, 54; total, 115; Public Services, on Sundays, 15; other days, 1; total, 16; Public services in other places, on Sundays, 11; other days, 8; total, 19; marriages, 1.

These places have been without a clergyman, since my acceptance of an invitation, and transfer by the committee on

missions of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, to another field of labour. A missionary is very much needed, and desired, and might be usefully employed among them.

St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; children, 3; total, 4; Communicants, added, 3; present number, 19; Congregation, families, 16; adults, 37; children, 17; total, 54; Public Services, on Sundays, 51; other days, 14; total, 65; Children catechized in the Church, 12 times. The Sunday Schools in the Borough are all united in one. Bible class, 1. The Holy Communion has been administered 4 times in public and once in private. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 00; Convention Fund, $2 55; General Theological Seminary, $11 61; other purposes, $12 68¾; total, $31 84¾.

Trinity Church, Rockville, Crawford County.

Baptisms, children, 2; Communicants, added, 1; present number, 7; Congregation, families, 5; adults, 16; children, 13; total, 29; Public Services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 5; total, 27; Sunday School, 1; bible class, 1; children catechized in the Sunday School; burials, 2. The Holy Communion has been administered twice. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2 50; Convention Fund, $1 45; other purposes, $2 47; total, $6 42.

Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 10; total 12; Communicants, present number, 450; Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156; marriages, 4; burials, 24; bible classes, 2; members, 40; Sunday Schools, male, 2; pupils, 161; female, 2.

The present rector having but very recently taken charge of this parish, has not the materials of a report in detail. He states in general, that on the part of many members of the congregation, there is a degree of seriousness in attention to religion that is encouraging. The services are engaged in with seriousness, and there are several persons now in readiness to make a Christian profession in the rite of confirmation.

Report of the Rev. J. Linn McKim, Rector of Dyberry Parish, Wayne County.

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 4; total, 5; Congregation, families 32; adults, 75; children, 45; total, 120, Communicants, added, 4; removed, 1; present number, 22; public services, on Sundays, 94; other days, 6; total, 100; marriages, 1; burials, 3;

Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 10; female, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 15; total schools, 2; teachers, 5; pupils, 25 Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 00; Society for Advancement of Christianity; $21 00; total, $26.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester County.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent.

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 2; total, 3; Congregation, families, 60; Communicants, added, 4; died, 2; present number, 62; Public services, Sunday, 52; other days, 10; total, 62; confirmed, 9; married, 5: burials, 3: children catechized, 14: times, 5: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 4: pupils, 30: female, 3: teachers, 4: pupils, 20: total schools, 2: teachers, 8: pupils, 50: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $23: for the Convention Fund, $4 50: total, $32 50.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook.

Baptisms, adults, 5: children, 3: total, 8; Congregation, families, 95: Communicants, added, 5: present number, 45: public services on Sunday, 50: other days, 8: total, 58: confirmed, 10: married, 2: children catechized, 16: times, 5: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $2 56: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $16 41: total, $18 97.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks County.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 6: total, 7: Congregation, families, 35: adults, 97: children, 71: total, 168: Communicants, added, 12: removed, 6: present number, 50: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 72: total, 176: confirmed, 7: marriages, 5: burials, 7; children catechized, 60: times, 7: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 6: pupils, 89: female, 1: teachers, 20: pupils, 98: total schools, 2: teachers, 26: pupils, 187: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $10: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $10: Missionary and other purposes, about $400: total, $420.

The number in attendance upon the services of the church, is in general considerably larger, than that above named.

The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition, and receives the constant supervision of the pastor.

The views presented in the circular of the Board of managers of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, in January last,

meet our cordial approbation, and have always been acted upon in our School.

The plan of "*Sunday offerings*," was commenced on Easter Sunday last, and though the contributions have not been as large as might reasonably be expected, yet it is hoped that they will increase, and that the members will lay by them in store, on *the first day of the week*, and will *give* as God hath prospered them.

Nothing has been contributed by this church during the last year, to the Board of Missions. This however, has not been owing to any diminution of interest in the great work, for the Rector is happy to state, that *the spirit of Missions* is increasing among his people. It was thought, that the cause would be indirectly aided at least, by appropriating the amount collected at our monthly missionary meetings, to the support of a young man—a member of the Church, in his preparatory education for the ministry.

It is expected that the present year, will supply the deficiency of the last.

Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks County.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 4; total, 8; Congregation, families, 60; Communicants, added, 9; died or removed, 1; present number, 51; Public services, on Sundays, 50; confirmed, 9; marriages, 4; burials, 6; bible class, 1; members, 15; Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 130; female, 84 pupils; Collections, missionary and other purposes, $150; total, $150.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Henry Rees, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 4; total, 11; Communicants, added, 10; died or removed, 9; present number, 61; Public Services, on Sundays, 64; other days, 11; total, 75; confirmed, 11; marriages, 10; burials, 8; children catechized, 11; times, 8; Collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 62; Convention Fund, $3 62; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $25 81; missionary and other purposes, $111 82; total $144 87.

A flourishing Sunday School, under the direction of the rector, assisted by three female teachers, was in operation during the last summer, and continued until the season was far advanced. It registered about 45 scholars. It has been resumed for the present season.

The rector has preached at funerals, and in other parishes 14 times.

Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of St. James' Church, Evansburg, and St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.

St. James' Church, Evansburg.

Baptisms, infants, 3: total, 3: Congregation, families, 40: adults, 100; children, 150: total, 250: Communicants, added, 2: died or removed, 2: present number, 45: public Services, on Sundays, 50: other days, 30: total, 80: marriages, 1: burials, 5: bible class, 1: members, 40: Sunday Schools, male, 1: teachers, 2: pupils, 30: female, 1: teachers, 5: pupils, 40; total, schools, 2: teachers, 7: pupils, 70: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 00; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $8 04; missionary and other purposes, $140; total, $153 04.

This congregation continues in a flourishing condition.—The Church is one of the oldest in the diocese, having been erected as early as 1721, and the walls are still strong and compact. The attendance upon public worship is regular and increasing, and hopes are entertained that an addition to the venerated Church edifice, will shortly be required. The grave-yard has been enlarged to double its former extent, in the course of the last year, and what is better than all, the spirit of sincere piety is extending its saving influence among the members of the Church.

St. John's Church, Norristown.

Baptisms, infants, 3: total, 3: Congregation, families, 40: adults, 100: children, 100: total, 200: Communicants, added, 3: died or removed, 3: present number, 30: Public Services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 5: total, 57: marriages, 1: burials, 7: children catechized, 20: times, 20: bible class, 1: members, 40: Sunday Schools, male, 1: pupils, 30: female, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 40: total, schools, 2: teachers, 7: pupils, 70: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 50: missionary and other purposes, $30: total, $35 50.

This congregation is gradually advancing in numbers and in devotion to the distinctive principles of the Church. By an arrangement with the creditors, (to whom several thousands of dollars were owing, on account of the original expense of building the Church) the debt has been discharged, by a sale of land belonging to the vestry, and an acceptance of a pro rata division of the amount among the creditors, realizing about one fourth of their claims, for which they generously

released the Church, from any further responsibility on that account. A bible class has been established, which promises the most happy results.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's, Yardleyville.

Baptisms, 8: burials, 3: marriages, 4: communicants, added, 12: families, about 50: public services, on Sundays, 104: other times, unknown: Sunday schools, 1: pupils, 60; teachers, 8.

The rector of these Churches, in presenting the first report from them to the Convention, has to state that as yet, everything about them is in an incipient condition. Located in a neighbourhood where the Church was until lately entirely unknown, (so that when his ministrations commenced there, he could not find so much as a single Episcopalian to aid in making the responses,) he has been chiefly employed in laying the foundations, upon which a superstructure of *future* usefulness may be erected. The Church edifice at Newtown, is complete, and has been consecrated; that at Yardleyville has been sufficiently so, for some months past, to be used for public worship, and will be prepared for consecration by the 2d of July, at which time the Bishop is expected to visit it for that purpose. The neighbourhood in which it is established, is both populous and destitute of religious advantages, and affords a fine opening for the formation of a good congregation; but owing to its remoteness from the residence of its minister, and his engagements nearer home, he can afford them but a very inadequate supply of services. He hopes however, that an arrangement will shortly be accomplished by which they will be united to another Church, which was built several years since, under his ministry at Hulmeville, and has since then, been in the charge of the rector of the Church at Bristol. If these two infant congregations can be placed in the hands of some missionary, the rector of the one at Yardleyville being released from his engagements there, will have it in his power to aid in the establishment of a new Church at North Attleborough, a flourishing village in his immediate vicinity. He has had a subscription of several hundred dollars, towards the erection of a Church there, for two or three years in his possession. This sum has been greatly increased, by the liberality and zeal of Mr. A. F. Dobb, a Candidate for Orders in this diocese, who has recently established there a very promising high school for boys, which is decidedly Episcopal in its character. The communion was administered, very recently, for the first time, at Newtown. It has not been yet

administered at all at Yardleyville. Confirmation is expected on the 2d of July.

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Baptisms, adults, 5: children, 22: total, 27: Communicants, added, 5: died or removed, 5: total, 35: confirmed, 3; marriages, 3: burials, 9: Congregation, 45 families, number about 200; public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 2: total, 106: Sunday School, male and female, 1: teachers 10: scholars, 70: Collections, for various purposes, about $150.

The congregation of St. Luke's continues to encourage the rector thereof, by many of the visible evidences of prosperity, the attendance upon the regular services is more numerous than heretofore, the funds of the Church have increased, as also the contributions for benevolent purposes; to these may be added, the much larger number united to the Church, by the administration of its sacraments.

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Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 5; Infants, 19, total, 24; Communicants, added, 7; Died or removed, 1; present number, 70; public services, on Sundays, 76; other days 10; total, 86. Marriages, 4; Burials, 5; children catechized, 20; Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $15; missionary and other purposes, $30; total, $55.

I have spent 3 Sundays during the last year at Mauch Chunk, where a small but zealous congregation are most anxious to erect a church, though their pious endeavors cannot accomplish it without assistance from abroad.

At Easton the church is gradually increasing, and we have a good hope that her cause is becoming more and more established. A protracted illness last fall, which confined me to my room for several weeks, will account for the deficiency of services in the church at Easton.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford Township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 13; total, 18; Communicants, added, 15; died or removed, 2; present number, 46; public services, on Sundays, 104; Marriages, 3; Burials, 21; children catechized, 4 times in church, in the Sunday school frequently; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 80; 5 of the teachers

are male, and 8 female; Collections, Episcopal fund, $9 32; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $35,68; Convention, $8,50; total, $53,50.

In addition to the above collections, there has been a very eligible site for an Episcopal church, purchased in the Borough of Frankford, which cost $400, on which has been erected a neat school room, which cost about $600, and will seat about one hundred and fifty persons. Divine service is performed in this room on Sunday afternoons, at the conclusion of the Sunday school exercises. The children sustain their part in the service very satisfactorily, and, it is hoped, that with the adults who attend, there is a flattering prospect that there will yet be a handsome edifice erected, and an Episcopal church formed in this place.

The Sunday school at the ancient Trinity Church, Oxford, continued its operations until the inclemency of the winter made it necessary to relinquish them. It has not as yet been opened this season. This church is badly situated for a Sunday school. The worthy female superintendent spent the winter in the city, and has not yet returned to the country. Most of those who have assisted as teachers, reside at such a distance as involves them in difficulties. Different attempts have been made to hold a Sunday school in this church, but I fear, there is no great prospect of permanency. The school was held last season in the morning so as to close its exercises at the commencement of public worship, which is held regularly every Sunday. An arrangement, which he thinks ought to be adopted as generally as possible, in order that the pupils may be trained up both as christians and episcopalians. We are inclined to believe that our mode of worship is admirably calculated to give satisfaction to children generally, and with a little pains on the part of their teachers, they become well acquainted with our liturgical arrangements, and interested in the services. It gives pleasure to add, that with the exception of one or two small donations, the thousand dollars for the ground and lecture room have been raised by the congregation. For the encouragement of others, I would notice that one dollar and fifty cents of the collection for the Advancement Society, was the proceeds of a little girl's family mitebox. One of the adults baptized is in the eighty-fifth year of his age; the prayer book made use of on the occasion was that brought from England by his great-grand-father, who, when he arrived at the place *now called* Philadelphia, found a cabin in the side of the hill for their reception, with a hogs-

head in the roof for a chimney. The great-grand-father of another of the candidates, (also an aged person) was among the first of those who assembled at this place for Divine worship.

Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector and Missionary of St. James' Church, in the Borough of Muncy, Lycoming county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; one congregation; Communicants, added, 1; died, 2; removed, 2; present number, 45; public services on Sundays, 42; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; children catechized, times, 5; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 45; female teachers, 4; Collections for Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $12 00.

Since December 18, 1836, I have devoted my whole time to the church at Muncey except two Sundays—one of which I spent at Farrandsville, and the other at Sunbury. I do not perceive much increase of piety since the last year, and were it not for God's promise to his church, I should feel quite discouraged.

The temporal condition of the church has evidently improved.

With the assistance which has been secured from other churches, and principally from the churches of Philadelphia, the debt of this church has been reduced to about three hundred dollars, and there is enough subscribed to cover a considerable part of this sum.

I have preached at Williamsport twice during the past year; at Milton four or five times; at Hughesville as many; at New Columbia three times, and baptized five children; at Lewisburg once.

Until the last of October, 1836, I continued to preach at Sunbury once every other Sunday, and from that time until the consecration of their new church, which took place on the 7th of December following, I was soliciting money to liquidate the debt of St. James' church, Muncy. This church (at Sunbury) is now without the stated ministrations of any clergyman. It is very important that it should be able to secure the stated services of a clergyman immediately—otherwise it may suffer much. A clergyman who could spend a part of his time in teaching, would find a competent support between this church and Christ church, Danville.

At Sunbury I have baptized three children, and at the consecration of the church two persons were confirmed by the Bishop. Three dollars for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity. May the Lord send us prosperity.

Report of the Rev. George A. Smith.

The Rev. George A. Smith reports that he has performed no "occasional services," such as would probably be considered within the meaning of the 7th canon of 1835, and that the cause which has prevented the same is incapacity for the labors of the pulpit, in consequence of a chronic affection of the throat. His engagement has been, and continues to be, the editing of the Episcopal Recorder, a religious paper published in this city.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 10: total, 12: Congregation, families, between 50 and 60: Communicants, added, 10: present number, 59: public services, on Sundays, 97: other days, 43: total, 140: confirmed, 3: marriages, 3: burials, 6: children catechized in Sunday school: total schools, 1: teachers, 14: pupils, 60 to 80: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 34: Convention fund, $6 41: missionary and other purposes, $97 25: total, $109.

In addition to the above, the Rector would simply remark, that there has been a gradual improvement in the congregation, spiritually and temporally.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 20: infants, 69: total, 89: Congregation, families, 190: adults, 440: children, 420: total, 860: communicants, added, 83: died or removed, 10: present number, 201: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 110: total, 214: confirmed, 50: marriages, 25: burials, 10: children catechized, entire school at Easter: bible classes, 3; members, 80: Sunday schools, male teachers, 15: pupils, 73: female teachers, 17: pupils, 143: total, teachers, 32: pupils, 216: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $32: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $100: Convention fund, $58: missionary and other purposes, $2300: total, $2490.

The Rector feels abundant cause for devout gratitude to God, for the great blessings which have been bestowed upon the people of his charge during the past year. It has been marked with signal blessings by the Great Head of the Church, and the earnest prayer is offered to Almighty God that his grace may continue to descend upon this people until they shall all be numbered with the Church of the first-born whose names are written in heaven.

Report of the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington Township, and of Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, York Springs, Adams county.

Baptisms, infants, 7; adults, 3; total, 10; Congregation, families, 33; Communicants; added, 7; present number, 30; Marriages, 4; Burials, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 32; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 35; total schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 67.

My services during the past year, have been continued much in the same manner as communicated in my last report, excepting the most of the winter season, which I passed in Philadelphia, during which period I officiated in several of the churches in the city, on 26 occasions. I have also officiated one Sunday each at York and Lewistown; and in a variety of other places which it is deemed unnecessary to enumerate.

The Church or Chapel spoken of in my last report, as designed to be erected in Petersburg, has been completed; and was consecrated by the bishop on the 4th of November last. It is built of brick, and may be considered an excellent model for country churches generally; combining neatness and taste, with convenience and economy; the cost of it being not more than $1100, including the furnishing of green blinds to all the windows; an appropriate drapery to the reading desk and pulpit, carpeting, chairs and table to the chancel; the painting of the pews, &c. and a handsome pale fence with which it is enclosed. It is capable of accommodating 300 persons, at least, which number have assembled in it on every occasion on which it has been opened since its consecration; and we are now gratified with the prospect of realizing the advantages we had anticipated from its erection. Two services are held in it, in conjunction with Christ church, on every alternate Sunday.

The collections prescribed, excepting the one for the Convention fund, have been omitted, in consequence of the frequent and more than ordinary demands on the congregation during the past year; and, notwithstanding their exertions, they are still in debt, to liquidate which, a further effort must be made.

Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 13; infants, 22; total, 35; Marriages, 14; Funerals, 5; Confirmed, 55; Communicants, added, 79; died, 1; present number, 227; Sunday schools, male teachers, 17,

scholars, 140; female teachers, 21; scholars, 158; total, teachers, 38; scholars, 307; Collections for missionary and other purposes, $2,118 16.

Of the present number of Communicants, 110 have been received to the Lord's table for the first time, in this church, the residue have been transferred from other churches. Of the collections for missionary and other purposes, $1000 have been given to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $400 have been given to missions in Pennsylvania, and the residue to other objects of religious benevolence beyond the congregation. The annual collection for the Sunday schools of our own congregation amounting to $202,89, is also to be added to the above, making the whole $2,325. The present state of the congregation is in the highest degree encouraging. It has been marked from the commencement of the effort to collect this church, by undeviating harmony and attachment to the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church. True piety has flourished among us under the divine blessing, in an increasing measure. The last year gave us a large increase to our communion, and we have every reason to look forward to still more for the year to come. No words can too highly express our sense of the goodness of God the Saviour, in his blessing upon the pastor and the people of this united and happy church.

Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, Alleghany county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 89; total, 92; Congregation, children, innumerable; Communicants, added, 39; died or removed, 30; present number, 298; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 60; total, 164; Confirmed, 40; Marriages, 21; Burials, 39; Children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 90; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 138; total schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 228; Collections, Episcopal fund, $26,50; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $250; Missionary and other purposes, $259; total, $536.

The church edifice has been thoroughly repaired, a new organ of the largest class put up, and a lecture and Sunday school room erected, at an expence in the whole of about ten thousand dollars. The rector has officiated at Washington, Georgetown, Lawrenceville, and some other places.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

An imperfect state of health incapacitates the undersigned

for the *full* and *regular* discharge of parochial duty. He is however desirous of laboring to the extent of his ability, in the work of the ministry; and has accordingly, preached once on every Sunday, with the exception of *ten*, since the last Convention.

His services have been rendered at the destitute churches in the city—the Alms House, Blockley—the Eastern Penitentiary, and the House of Refuge. At the Alms House there never had been worship in the chapel, (a room capable of accommodating a thousand persons,) on the morning of the Lord's day, until commenced by himself. But for several months past, he has been able, with the occasional assistance of his brethren, to maintain it without interruption, and hopes to do so throughout the year.

After sermon at the public Institutions, it is his practice to converse with the inmates on religious subjects, and to distribute among them, as he deems expedient, Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts.

During the week, he has, as opportunity offered, visited the sick, and performed such other functions of his office as he has been called upon for. Among the latter may be mentioned the baptism of two children in a dying state.

Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian.

The Rev. Alexander Varian respectfully reports, that he has been engaged as an instructor in one of the departments of the Abbeville Institute, near Lancaster, ever since he came into the diocese, (Oct. 1835.)

He has in conjunction with the Rev. C. F. Crusé, held the services of the Church at the Institute morning and afternoon, every Lord's day, preaching alternately in the morning. During the winter and spring of 1836, in connection with the same gentleman, he visited regularly the village of Columbia, on the Susquehannah, Mr. Crusé going one Sunday, Mr. Varian the next; service and sermon morning and afternoon. Since then Columbia has been taken in charge by the Rev. W. E. Franklin.

Mr. Varian preached at York on Christmas day last, and administered the Holy Communion. Since October 1836, he has preached at the Alms House of Lancaster county, the third Sunday afternoon in every month. On Sunday, April 30th, 1837, he preached and held service, in the morning and evening, at Mount Hope Furnace, the residence of Mrs. Grub. Congregation small, but attentive. Responses audible,

and almost general; this latter circumstance is owing entirely to the laudable exertions of Mrs. Grub and her daughters, who have been unremittingly engaged for eighteen months past in giving Sunday School instruction to the children in their neighborhood. A school of from 25 to 40 children of both sexes, varying in number with the season of the year, assembles every Lord's day to learn the way of life. The Prayer Book is (as we think it ought every where to be) made the principal Sunday school Book, after the Scriptures. The children, as soon as able to read, are made familiar with the Psalter and the ordinary services of the Church, recite the Church catechism, and portions of scripture as a constant exercise. Could one of the Church Missionaries be stationed in that region of country, we have no doubt he might be extensively useful among the destitute people employed at the furnaces and other iron works there in operation.

Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, jr. Rector of Emmanuel Church, Kensington.

Baptisms, infants, 25; total, 25; Congregation, families, 13; adults, 28; children, 22; total, 50; Communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 1; present number, 10; Public services, on Sundays, in the last eight months, 64; other days, 40; total, 104; marriages, 1; burials, 3; children catechized, 50; times, weekly; Sunday schools, male and female, teachers, 10; pupils, 140; collections, missionary and other purposes, $3.

Previous to the summer of 1836, several attempts had been made, to form an Episcopal congregation in Kensington, but without success. In April of that year, several individuals, feeling a desire that another effort should be made for that purpose, conferred with the Bishops and clergy on the subject, and subsequently invited the present Rector to labor there, and endeavor to create an interest among the inhabitants for an Episcopal church.

He commenced operations the latter part of September. A Sunday school was opened at the Commissioners Hall, with *five* children. On the first occasion of divine service, at the same place, the congregation consisted of *four* individuals.—The congregation and Sunday school, under the superintendence of the Minister, continued to increase; the people were visited, some became interested in religious matters, meetings for social prayer were held weekly at different houses, and thus things progressed until Christmas, when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to fourteen individuals,

five of whom were considered as communicants of the new church.

The organization of a vestry did not take place, until the 14th February 1837, when a meeting was held, at which it was "deemed expedient to organize a congregation, in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, to be called Emmanuel Church," of which the minister before called was elected Rector. Twelve persons were elected vestrymen and two of them church wardens. Subsequently, the form of a proposed charter was agreed upon, which was submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and received their approval.

Measures were entered into for the raising of funds, with which to erect a building for the use of the congregation, and with some success. But, in consequence of the great pressure in money matters, it was deemed expedient, for the present, to suspend exertions for that purpose.

There is an amazing indifference among the inhabitants of Kensington, to the concerns of the soul, but we trust, that, by "prayer and pains taking" accompanied with the blessing of Him "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;" there will be "added to the Church, many of such as shall be saved."

Report of Messrs. Wm. Staunton and Armstead Beckham, Wardens of Christ Church, borough of Alleghany, Alleghany County.

Baptisms, infants, 2: total 2: Congregation, families, 32: communicants, added, 2: present number, 41: public services, on Sundays, 28: other days, 5: total, 33: burials, 2: children catechized, 16: times, 6: Sunday Schools, male, 1: teachers, 6: pupils, 25: female, 1: teachers, 5: pupils, 35: total, schools, 2: teachers, 11: pupils, 60.

This parish has been supplied with ministerial services every other Sunday, during six months, previous to the resignation of its minister on the 20th March, 1837.

Report of Messrs. Alba Fisk and Jas. M'Clure, Wardens of St. John's Church, Lawrenceville, Alleghany County.

Baptisms, infants, 2; total, 2; Communicants, died or removed, 2; present number, 19; public services, on Sundays, 28.

This parish has been supplied with ministerial services, every other Sunday, for six months, previous to the resignation of the minister, on the 20th March, 1837.

Report of W. H. Sayre, Warden of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Northampton County.

Baptisms, infants, 4; congregation, about 40 adults; communicants, 5; public services, on Sundays, 20; other days, 3; total 23; funerals, 2.

The proposed charter under which we were admitted into the union with the Church, was duly executed and enrolled at Harrisburgh, in the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office, on the 7th June last.

This congregation is without a rector, and depended wholly for clerical aid during the past year, upon the voluntary services of the following named reverend gentlemen, who have preached:—Rev. James May, 4 times; Rev. George C. Drake, 5 times; Rev. J. M. Rogers, 6; Rev. Samuel T. Lord, twice; Rev. Alfred C. Lord, 3 times, (diocese of New Jersey,) Rev. John B. Clemson, 3 times; total 23.

In addition to the above, the Rev. Mr. Drake, has performed divine service and preached twice; Rev. Mr. Rogers, twice; Rev. Mr. May, twice, at the village of Nesquehoning, situated five miles from this town but considered as within the bounds of the parish.

Dependent as we are upon the kind offices of the Methodist Society, for the occasional use of their house, we are at a loss to name the number of those who would be constant attendants upon the services of the Church, but feel perfectly safe in putting down our congregation at forty adults, and believe it would be much increased if we had a Church building and a resident minister. Fully aware of the disadvantages we labour under, in both these particulars, and believing that if we had a house erected, we should much more easily obtain the means of maintaining a clergyman than in any other mode we can adopt; the vestry have resolved to attempt building, and have issued subscription books accordingly.

Report of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants, 2; burials, 4; Confirmed, 7; from 16th May, 1836, to 16th May, 1837: Collections, Episcopal and Convention Fund, $77 22; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $121 34; poor of the Parish, $168 07; total, $366 63.

The Missionary Association of the Church, has also contributed, during the year, for various purposes, the sum of $789 25. Total amount raised in the Church, $1155 88.

The absence of the rector is offered as an excuse for this imperfect report.

The following report of the committee, relative to the legal register of baptisms and marriages performed by the bishop, was presented and adopted.

The committee appointed by the last Convention, "to consider that part of the address of the Bishop, relating to the devising of some legal record of such baptisms and marriages as have been, or may hereafter be performed by him in places within this diocese, where there are no organized parishes or parochial registers," and also "to call the attention of the ministers and vestries of the several Churches in the diocese, to the 12th Canon, entitled "Of Registers of Baptisms," &c. respectfully report,—That they have attended to the duty committed to them, and in relation to the subject of the first resolution, applied to the Legislature of the Commonwealth at its last session, for the enactment of the following additional section of the existing law concerning Baptismal and Marriage Registers, viz:—"Be it enacted, &c., that baptisms and marriages, which have been, or may be solemnized by any bishop within the State, may be entered by him in the register of any Church of which the said bishop has the supervision; and the same when entered in the register shall have the same legal effect and operation, as if the said marriage or baptism had been solemnized by the clergyman having charge of the said Church, and been by him entered in the register thereof." The proposed section, the committee were of the opinion, fully met the case in question, and from the readiness with which one branch of the Legislature passed it, they expected to have been able to report, that it had become a law of the Commonwealth. But on inquiry they find, that for some cause or other, this is not the case, and in order to secure its enactment, it will be necessary to renew the application at the next or some ensuing session of the Legislature.

With respect to the subject of the several resolutions, the committee report, that they have addressed the following Circular, to the ministers and vestries of parishes, accompanied by a copy of the 12th Canon.

In behalf of the committee,

GEORGE UPFOLD, Chairman.

CIRCULAR.

At the last Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, "That a Committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, the Rev. Mr. Bull, Hon. John Gilmore, and James S. Smith, Esq. be directed to call the attention of the Ministers and Vestries of the several Churches in the Diocese, to the 12th of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, entitled "Of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and of Parochial Reports."

The duty assigned to the Committee, is that of calling the attention of the Ministers and Vestries to the 12th Canon, which we beg leave respectfully and earnestly to do. The importance of a compliance with its provisions, so far as it relates to obtaining an accurate view of the state of the Church, will at once be perceived by the Clergy, while the lay members of the Church may be reminded that the Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, being by law evidence of the facts contained in it, important civil rights may be affected by negligence in keeping it.

A copy of the Canon is subjoined.

We are respectfully,
Your Brethren and Friends,

GEORGE UPFOLD,
LEVI BULL,
JOHN GILMORE,
JAMES S. SMITH,
} Committee.

CANON XII.

Of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and of Parochial Reports.

Section I. Each Clergyman shall keep an account of all the baptisms, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry, specifying the name and date of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors, the name of the adult baptized, the names of the parties married, and the name of the person buried; and also the time when each rite was performed.

Section II. These entries shall, by the minister, or, if so ordered by the vestry, by the clerk or sexton of the Church, be recorded in a suitable book, to be provided by the vestry, which shall be the Church Register, and shall belong to, and remain with the vestry, as a part of the Church records. And

the minister of each parish shall also keep a list of all the communicants within his cure, as nearly as they can be ascertained; and also a list of the persons confirmed from time to time, by the Bishop.

SECTION III. Every minister of a parish, or parishes, in this diocese, shall present or forward, at every Annual Convention, to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the president of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and persons confirmed in his parish or parishes severally, since the last like report; and also, of the number of the communicants, distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report; also he shall add a statement of all other matters of fact, that may throw light on the state of his parish or parishes.

SECTION IV. These parochial reports shall be read in the Convention; and all the specifications of baptisms, marriages, funerals, persons confirmed, and communicants, and the statements of other matters of fact contained in them, shall be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

The following proposed alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and the following proposed amendment in the Table of Moveable Feasts, were laid before the house.

Proposed alterations in the Constitution.

Resolved, That the following alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be, and are hereby proposed, and that they be made known to the several State Conventions.

Article 5th to be altered so as to read as follows:—

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any part of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution; and a new diocese, to be formed from one or more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other diocese; nor shall any diocese be formed by the junction of two or more dioceses or parts of dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the dioceses concerned; as well as of the General Convention.

No such new diocese shall be formed, which shall contain

less than 8000 square miles in one body, and thirty presbyters who have been, for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a bishop.—Nor shall such new diocese be formed, if thereby any existing diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than 8000 square miles, or less than thirty presbyters, who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

In case one diocese shall be divided into two dioceses, the diocesan of the diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall, thereupon, become the diocesan thereof; and the assistant bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and, if it be not the one elected by the bishop, he shall be the diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a diocese into two dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two dioceses shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese so divided, except as local circumstances prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing dioceses, the new diocese shall be subject to the constitution and canons of that one of the said existing dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged, prior to the erection of such new diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new diocese.

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United," in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" whenever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States," in the eighth article, and insert the word "Diocese;" and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

Proposed Amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts.

Resolved, That it be made known to the Convention of

every diocese, that it is proposed to add to the note on the Table of Moveable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon, the words "unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it—for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day."

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, August, 1835.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D., *Presiding Bishop.*

Attested,

BIRD WILSON, D. D., *Secretary.*

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D., *President.*

Attested,

HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary.*

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection; when after the benediction by the Right Rev. the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die.*

HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET,
Secretary of the Convention.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY 19th 1837.

The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D.D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. Adderly, Missionary at Georgetown, and St. Paul's on the Ohio river, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Chas. H. Alden, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasely, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, missionary at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, assistant minister of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. Bryant, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a public school, and officiating as a domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, rector of the Swedish churches near Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of the church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, rector of Trinity church, Southwark.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, Professor of Languages in the Abbeville Institute, Lancaster county.

The. Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, deacon, missionary at Bellefonte and Philipsburgh, Centre county.

The Rev Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, assistant minister of the Swedish churches near Norristown.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Douglas, (a coloured man,) rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia:

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.

The. Rev. Robert Dyce, residing in Florida.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, minister of St. John's church, York, York county, and missionary at Columbia, Columbia county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's church, Pike Run, Washington county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Bennet Glover, rector of St Paul's church, Erie, and St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Caleb I. Good, residing in Connecticut.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, rector of St. Luke's and Trinity churches, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. Caleb S. Henry, residing in New York.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. Wm. S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, officiating in Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, residing in Delaware.

The Rev. John W. Hoffman, deacon, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, officiating at Pottstown, Montgomery county, and Morlattin, Bucks county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jacquet, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, officiating at Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and Trinity church, Connellsville, Fayette county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, St. Paul's church, Kittaning, and Trinity Parish, Freeport, Armstrong county, missionary in the

service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, and Grace church, Hulmeville, Bucks county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, officiating at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, officiating at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Linn M'Kim, deacon, minister of Grace church, Honesdale, Wayne county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, rector of St. James' church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, missionary in the service of the society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George A. Smith, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James' church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county, missionary in the service of the society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh, Allègheny county.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the church of the Epiphany.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, Professor in the Abbeville Institute, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

Total 81.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ church.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity church.
Allegheny—Christ church.
Lawrenceville—St. John's church.
Laceyville—St. Paul's church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's church.
Reading—Christ church.
Morgantown—St Thomas' church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's church.
Newtown—St. Luke's church.
Yardleyville—St. Andrew's church.
Hulmeville—Grace church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's church.
East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's church.
Great Valley—St. Peter's church.
Pequea township—St. John's church.
West Whiteland township—St. Paul's church.
West Vincent—St Andrew's church.
Honeybrook—St. Mark's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's church.
Madison—Jerseytown—Christ church.
Danville—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ church.
Rockville—Trinity church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburg—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St Martin's Church.
Concord township—St. John's church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's church.
Rockdale—Calvary church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's Church.
Waterford—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ church.
Manalen—Grace church.
Connelsville—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' church.
Leacock township—Christ church.
Caernavon township, Churchtown—Bangor church.
Marietta—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barré—St. Stephen's church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James' church.

MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's church.
Thompsontown—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' church.
Perkiomen township—St. James' church.
Norristown—St. John's church,
Pottstown—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity church.
Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ church.
Sunbury—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ church, St, Peter's church, St. James' church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church, Grace church, All Soul's church, the church of the Epiphany, and the church of the Ascension.

Northern Liberties—St. John's church.
Southwark—Trinity church.
Francisville—St. Matthew's church.

Lower Dublin township—All Saints church.
Oxford township—Trinity church.
Germantown—St Luke's church.
Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's church.
Kensington—Emmanuel church.
Hamiltonvile—St. Mary's church.
Manayunk—St. David's church.
Spring Garden—Zion church.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's church, Trinity church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's church.
New Milford—St. Mark's church.
Montrose—St. Paul's church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's church.
Venango Furnace—St. James' church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike-run township—St. Peter's church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace church, Honesdale, and Truth church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburgh—Christ church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St Thomas (African) church not in union with the convention. Total 95.

Stock bought for the Episcopal Fund.

1836 July 20th, $343 19 Penn. 5 per cent. stock, redeemable in 1853 at $101 75 per cent. $349 20

Stock transferred and payment received,
THOMAS HALE & CO.

1837 May 6th, $170 21 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1853 at 95 per cent. $161 70

Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale, James S. Smith, and Philip H. Nicklin, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Received Payment, Wm. DAVIDSON & SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested wholly in five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred and sixty-one dollars and thirty cents.

JOHN READ,
THOMAS HALE
JAMES S. SMITH
PHILIP H. NICKLIN } *Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.*

Dr. *Episcopal Fund in account with*

1836 July 12	To cash paid to Thos. Hale, Esq., to be invested,	349 20
1837 May 1	William Davidson & Son, to be invested,	161 70
		$510 90
1836 August 2	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, being the interest of the Episcopal Fund, from 1st February to 1st August.	378 69
1837 Feb. 3	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, bebeing the interest of the Episcopal Fund, from 1st Aug. 1836, to 1st February, 1837,	38[illegible] [illegible]
		$76[illegible]

E. E. PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.
May th, 1837.

Philip H. Nicklin, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1836			
May 21	By cash received from Tobias Wagner, Esq., paid to him by the following Churches,		
	St. John's church, New London Roads,	$2 00	
	St. James' church, Perkiomen,	7 46	
	Christ church, Reading,	10 25	
	St. James' church, Lancaster,	21 21	
	Christ church, Athens,	50	
	All Saint's church, Lower Dublin,	13 00	
	Christ church, Brownsville,	7 60	
	Trinity church, Oxford,	6 93	
	St. John's church, Norristown,	7 10	
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	2 50	
	St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf,	1 16	
	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	3 58	
	Christ church, Jersey Town,	1 72	
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	4 11	
	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	7 00	
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia,	13 40	
			109 52
May 24	By cash received from Wm. Kirkham, Esq., Warden of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,		134 68
June 1	By cash received from Moses Kempton, Esq. Warden of Christ church, Philadelphia,		75 00
June 2	By cash received from Thos. Robins, Esq. Treasurer of St. Andrew's church, Philad.		30 00
1837			
Jan. 16	By cash received from L. R. Ashhurst, Esq. collection of the Church of the Epiphany, in 1836,		29 70
March 26	By Grace church, Philadelphia, collection of the 19th,		32 00
April 6	St. John's church, Pequea,		6 00
	Christ church, Leacock,		4 00
25	By cash received from John Read, Esq., Warden of St. James' church, Philadelphia.		40 00
30	By cash received from St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.		50 00
			$510 90
1836			
August	By interest on State Stock,		378 69
1837			
February	By interest on State Stock,		387 27
			$765 96

: the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Com-, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and the ers therefor, and find the same to be correct.

JAMES S. SMITH,
G. M. WHARTON, } Committee.

ladelphia, May 16, 1837.

1836			
May 14	To cash paid the Rev. Dr. Mead, Secretary of the Standing Committee, for Postage,		7 56
18	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk for expenses in Episcopal visitation,		60 33
21	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their expenses in attending Convention, viz.		
	Rev. S. Marks,	$13 12	
	Mr. Rogers,	11 25	
	Dr. Upfold,	24 00	
	Mr. Reynolds,	1 50	
	J. R. Goodman,	10 87	
	Mr. Hilton,	26 25	
	James May,	12 00	
	George Mintzer,	3 75	
	George Kirke,	1 95	
	N. Stem,	7 50	
	B. B. Killikelly,	23 19	
	G. C. Drake,	10 50	
	S. T. Lord,	18 75	
	R. U. Morgan,	5 25	
	Isaac Smith,	12 30	
	S. Bowman,	3 75	
	Thomas Crumpton,	30 37	
	E. Y. Buchanan,	6 00	
	L. N. Freeman,	36 00	
	Being 75 per cent of their actual expenses.		258 30
25	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Upfold, expenses in attending the General Convention, August, 1835, per order of the Standing Committee.		30
June 16	To cash paid Jesper Harding, balance of bill for printing, of 11th June, 1835,		60
	To cash paid do on account of printing of the 3d inst.,		50
	To cash paid G. D. Rambaugh, bill for services and articles furnished at meeting of Convention in May last,		15
Sept. 23	To cash paid Wm. Hoyland for services, porterage, &c., per order of the Standing Committee,		3
Sept 30	To case paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, expenses in Episcopal visitations,		29
Dec. 18	To cash paid do do		79
1837			
March 28	To cash paid postage,		
	To cash returned loan,		99
April 5	To cash remitted Rev. Dr. Anthon, New York, Sec'ry, &c., the quota due by the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for 1836, for contingent expenses of the General Convention.		43
14	To cash paid Wm. Hoyland, bill for attending on meetings of Standing Committee,		5
28	To cash paid Jesper Harding, balance of account for printing, of 3d June, 1836,		55
	To cash paid do for printing circulars,		6
May 9	Balance in Bank,		76
			$881

The foregoing account has been examined by us and found corre

JAMES S. SMITH, } Commi
GEORGE M. WHARTON, }

Philadelphia, May 9, 1837.

1836		
May 10	By balance of former account,	30 96
14	By cash received of the Church of the Epiphany, contribution due May, 1835,	20 00
17	St Paul's, Philadelphia, collection,	58 79
19	Trinity, Pittsburg,	20 00
	St. Paul's, Chester,	5 00
	Christ, Reading,	5 35
	St. Stephen's, Wilksbarre,	6 50
	St. John's, New London,	3 42
	St. David's, Newton,	4 60
	St. James', Perkiomen,	5 76
	St. James', Lancaster,	22 00
	Christ church, Allegheny,	7 50
	Do do do arrears,	5 00
	Christ church, Towanda,	1 33
	Christ church, Columbia, Bradford county,	81
	St. Paul's, Kittaning,	7 62
	St. Peter's, Butler,	5 00
	Trinity, Freeport,	3 62
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	5 00
	Christ, Brownsville,	9 09
	St. Peter's, Pike Run,	2 94
	All Saints, Lower Dublin,	5 00
	St. James', Muncey, / St. Matthew's, Sunbury,	5 00
	Christ church, Meadville,	10 00
	Trinity, Oxford,	5 95
	St. John's, Norristown,	7 00
	Grace, Dyberry, Honesdale,	5 00
	Do do do arrears,	5 00
	St. John's, Dundaff,	3 81
	Trinity, Carbondale,	7 50
	Trinity, Easton,	5 60
	St. John's, Carlisle,	10 00
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,	5 00
	Christ, Huntingdon,	5 00
	Do do arrears,	5 00
	St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf,	1 16
	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,	3 58
	Christ, Jersey Town,	1 70
	Christ, Danville,	5 00
	Grace, Philadelphia,	20 00
	All Saint's, Lower Dublin, arrears,	5 00
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	8 00
	St Peter's, Waterford,	3 18
	Christ, Greensburg, arrears,	5 00
	Do do collection,	5 00
	Trinity, Connelsville,	5 00
	St. Mary's, Hamilton,	5 00
	St. John's, Northern Liberties,	5 43
27	St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	44 10
June 1	St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,	20 00
14	Christ, Philadelphia,	44 62
Oct. 6	St. Mark's, New Milford,	5 00
'337		
ch 13	Trinity, Pittsburg,	42 00
19	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	39 39
24	Grace, Philadelphia,	58 00
	On Loan,	99 86
30	St. James' Philadelphia, for 1836,	20 00
pril 3	Trinity, Southwark,	30 00
27	St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	50 00
May 6	St. James', Philadelphia,	40 00
		$881 17
May 9	By balance,	76 13

E. E. TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

ERRATA.

On page 30, 5th line from bottom, for "*when* the various institutions," read *upon* the various, &c.

Page 31, for C. W. Meredith, read Wm. Meredith.

Rev. PETER VAN PELT, No. 815 Chesnut street.
Rev. JAMES WILTBANK, No. 283 Chesnut street. Chaplain U. S. Navy.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BRINCKLE, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches, resides at Gray's Ferry.
Rev. CHARLES WILLIAMS, D. D., resides in Clinton street, between Tenth and Eleventh, and Spruce and Pine.
Rev. WILLIAM P. HINDS, in Spruce street near Broad.
Rev. ALLSTON GIBBES, at Mrs. Maxwell's, in Walnut street, below Fifth.
Rev. CHRISTIAN WILTBERGER, resides at No. 560 Front street, officiates in the Commissioner's Hall, Kensington, corner of Front and Master streets.
Rev. ROBERT DAVIS, at south-east corner of Eleventh and Market streets.
Rev. CALEB J. GOOD, Filbert street, first door above Eleventh, north side.

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NOTICE.

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HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET, *Secretary.*

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JOURNAL

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OF THE

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RESIDENCES OF THE CITY CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. resides in S. 13th street, east side, one door below Locust.

Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. No. 92 Union street.

Rev. Charles H. Alden, No. 6 Portico Square, Spruce street, Principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen, No. 14 Jefferson Row, Lombard street, west of 8th street, City Missionary.

Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's N. L. resides near the first turnpike gate, Frankford Road.

Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Church, resides near Gray's Ferry.

Rev. William Bryant, No, 1 North 11th street, Teacher and Missionary at Moyamensing.

Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, No. 33 Sansom street.

Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of the Swedish Church, resides in Swanson street, adjoining Wecacoe Church.

Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, resides in 11th street, first door below Lombard street.

Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, resides No. 146 Queen street.

Rev. Robert Davis, at south-west corner of 11th and Market streets.

Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, 50 Pine st.

Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, resides No. 162 S. 4th st.

Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, at Mrs. Babson's, No. 186 Market street.

Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, No. 37 Girard Place.

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Rev. Richard D. Hall, resides North 6th street, near Wood.

Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, next door to the Church.

Rev. William P. Hinds, Spruce street, near Broad.

Rev. John W. Hoffman, Teacher of Episcopal Free School, resides corner of North 6th street and Callowhill.

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Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, resides No. 85 South 3rd street, next to the Church.

Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, resides No. 121 South 9th street.

Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, resides No. 65 North 12th st.

Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, No. 429 Walnut street, west of Broad street.

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Rev. James Wilitbank, No. 288 Chesnut street.

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Rev. L. P. W. Balch, in charge of St. Andrew's Church, No. 96 S. 8th st.

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Isaac Smith,
Nathan Stem,
Williams Suddards,
* John Taylor,
John V. E. Thorn,
Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.
George Upfold, D. D
* Alexander Varian,
* Bird Wilson,
Christian Wiltberger,
James Wiltbank. 53.

N. B. Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LAY DEPUTIES.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county. Henry McKenty.

St. Thomas's, Morgantown. Levi. B. Smith, David Morgan, David Plank.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thomas G. Henderson, A. L. Henderson, Amos G. Henderson.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county. *Issacher Pawling, Edwin Mendenhall.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county. Jonathan Jones, E. F. John.

St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county. Isaac B. Parker, *Edward J. Stiles, *Benjamin Stiles.

St. Luke's church, Newton, Bucks county. Garret Brown, Alexander F. Dobb, Dr. Phineas Jenks.

St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county. Henry Carter.

St. James' church, Lancaster. *J. L. Atlee, John Shaffner, George W. Hamersly.

Christ church, Leacock. *John Yeates, Andrew Dunlap, Nathaniel Lightner.

St. John's church, Concord, Delaware co. Hill Brinton, Abraham W. Sharples.

Bangor church, Churchtown. John Sheaff, *Hanson B. Jacobs, E. S. Davis.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery co. Jesse Bean, John Shannon.

Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county. Jno. P. Rutter, *Richard Casselberry, Robert E. Hobart.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. *Thomas Mitchell, Abner Lewis.

Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware co. Richard S. Smith, John G. Johnson.

Christ church, Reading, Berks county. Joseph L. Stichter, Mathias S. Richards, *Henry Rhoads.

Trinity church, Southwark. Richard Palmer, Peter Williamson, Dr. William H. Klapp.

St. John's church, York. *John Gaullagher, *Samuel Hays.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Samuel Snelling, William H. Newbold, Herman Cope.

Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. Edmund Green.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thomas Robins, William Welsh.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. Durden B. Carter, William Rawle, George M. Wharton.

All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county. Samuel Cox.

Epiphany church, Philadelphia. *Lewis R. Ashhurst, Caspar Morris, Joseph Watson.

St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia. *James Vineyard, Abel Reed, Wm. Letford.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Thomas I. Wharton, Charles N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham.

Christ church, Philadelphia. Horace Binney, Philip H. Nicklin, Robert S. Johnson.

Ascension Church, Philadelphia. Robinson R. Moore, Nathaniel P. Poor, Charles S. Smith.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Wm. Meredith, James S. Smith, Francis G. Smith.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. David Pigeon.

Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county. M. C. Clarkson.

St. Paul's church, Montrose, Susquehanna county. Joshua W. Raynsford, *Christopher L. Ward, Charles Beardsley.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John Farr, *John D. George, Wm. Alexander.

Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill co. Thomas A. Williams, *John T. Harrard, *Edward Owen Parry.

St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia co. Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county. John McKay, Zadock Thomas, Adam Slemmer.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county. John Paul.

St. James' church, Bristol. George Breck.

Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county. Hopewell Hepburn, Samuel Breck, Jr.

Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia. *Samuel D. Patterson, Clement Cresson, *Thomas H. Powers.

St. Marks church, Lewiston, Mifflin county. *F. W. Rawle, *Robert McNeall, E. E. Locke.

St. John's church, New London, Chester county. Charles M'Donald.

Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Alleghany county. Orlando Metcalf, William K. Lindsay.

St.Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county. James Peacock, *Thomas Burrowes, Benjamin Parke.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia co. G. W. Ashmead, Wyndham H. Stokes.

Grace church, Hulmeville, Bucks county. George Harrison, *Samuel Swift, *Jacob Rue.

St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.—Thomas Robinson, Benjamin F. Johnson, George Lodge.

St. Mary's church, Chester county. Samuel Shafer, Thomas K. Bull. 118.

The lay deputies who did not answer to their names, are marked in the above list thus *.

JOURNAL, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
Tuesday, May 15th, 1838, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right. Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the meeting proceeded to organize. A list of the clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

The Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. William Adderly,
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd,
Wm. Bryant,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
John Coleman,
Thomas Crumpton,
Robert Davis,
W. H. De Lancey, D.D.
Benjamin Dorr,
Jacob M. Douglass,
Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.
Lyman N. Freeman,
Wm. Hilton,
Rev. B. B. Killikelly,
George Kirke,
Freeman Lane,
Jas. May,
George Mintzer,
R. U. Morgan,
H. J. Morton,
Wm. S. Perkins,
Wm. H. Rees,
John Reynolds,
G. W. Ridgley,
John Rodney, Jr.
Joshua M. Rogers,
Geo. Sheets,
Isaac Smith,
George Upfold, D. D.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointments, answered to their names, and took their seats.

Wm. Alexander.
Charles N. Bancker,
Jesse Bean,
Charles Beardsley,
Horace Binney,
Garret Brown,
Durden B. Carter,
Henry Carter,
M. C. Clarkson,
Herman Cope,
Samuel Cox,
Alexander F. Dobb,

George W. Hamersley,
Amos G. Henderson,
Thos. G. Henderson,
A. L. Henderson,
Robert E. Hobart,
E. F. John,
John G. Johnson,
Wm. Kirkham,
Wm. H. Klapp,
Abner Lewis,
Wm. Letford,
Nathan Lightner,
George Lodge,
Henry McKenty,
Edwin Mendenhall,
Wm. H. Mitchell,
Robinson P. Moore,
David Morgan,
Wm. H. Newbold,
P. H. Nicklin,
Richard Palmer,
Isaac B. Parker,
David Pigeon,
Nathaniel P. Poor,
Joshua W. Raynsford,
Wm. Rawle,
Abel Reed,
Henry Rhoads,
Matthias S. Richards,
Thos. Robins,
John P. Rutter,
John Shaffner,
Abraham W. Sharples,
Chas. J. Smith,
F. G. Smith,
Jas. S. Smith,
Levi B. Smith,
Richard S. Smith,
Samuel Snelling,
Cornelius Stevenson,
Joseph L. Stichter,
Zadock Thomas,
Tobias Wagner.
Joseph Watson,
Wm. Welsh,
George M. Wharton,
Thos. A. Williams,
Peter Williamson,

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Ducachet was unanimously elected.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P.M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Bishop laid upon the table, the official list of all the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, corrected up to this day.

A list of the clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, agreeably to Cannon XIV, Sect. 5, when the following gentlemen answered to their names, and offered excuses that were satisfactory, viz: Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rev.

Freeman Lane, Rev. H. J. Morton, and Rev. Wm. Suddards.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Wednesday, May 16th, 1837, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. R. U. Morgan, and a charge was delivered by the Bishop. After which, the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, May and Morgan.

The service being ended, the Convention was called to order for business. The Roll was called. The minutes of the preceding session was read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats,—Rev. F. Beasly, Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Rev. Levi Bull, Rev. John Coleman, Rev. Geo. Drake, Rev. Walter Franklin, Rev. John F. Hoff, Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rev. Isaac Smith, Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rev. J. V. E. Thorn, Rev. J. H. Tyng, D. D.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats: Messrs. E. S. Davies, Edmund Green, Chas. V. Hagner, Jonathan Jones, Wm. Meredith, Matthias S. Richards, Jno. Shannon, Adam Slemmer, Samuel Wagner, Thos. I. Wharton.

The following lay deputies, presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats; Messrs. John McKay, Phineas Jenks, John Paul, Geo. Breck, Hopewell Hepburn, Saml. Breck Jr., E. E. Locke, Chas. McDonald, Orlando Metcalf, Jas. Peacock, Benjamin Parke, G. A. Ashmead, Wyndham H. Stokes, Thos. K. Bull, Geo. Harrison, Thos. Robinson, Benjamin L. Johnson.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Secretary then presented and read the following communication, addressed to him by the Rev. Jas. Wiltbank.

The Rev. James Wiltbank having enjoyed a seat in this body, by virtue of his age, since 1833, and his name not having been called on the roll of clergy constituting the Convention, and the Bishop having declared that he is not a member of the same, respectfully asks that his claim to a seat may be

inquired into, and decided by this body, agreeably to the provisions of the Canons.

Philad, May 16, 1838.

Whereupon, The Rev. Dr. De Lancey moved that it be referred to a committee of three, to report upon forthwith; and the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Levi Bull, and Mr. G. M. Wharton, were appointed the committee.

The Rev. Dr. Tyng presented the charter of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh, and moved its reference to the committee on charters, which motion was carried; whereupon, on motion, the Rev. Messrs. Morgan, Buchanan and Crumpton, and Messrs. Meredith, Jas. S. Smith and P. H. Nicklin, were appointed to act as said committee.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey presented the charters of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, and of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county, and the articles of Association of All Saint's Church, Moyamensing, which on motion, were referred to the committee on charters.

On motion, resolved, that there be appointed, a committee on the unfinished business of the last Convention, when the Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Rogers and Reynolds, were appointed that committee.

On motion resolved, that a committee on mileage be appointed, to apportion the payment of the expenses of the clergy, in travelling to this Convention; whereupon, Messrs. Tobias Wagner, Wm. Meredith, and F. G. Smith were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, resolved, that the charge delivered by the Bishop this day, be published and distributed, under the direction of a committee, and that 1500 copies be printed of the same: whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Dorr, Rev. Mr. Coleman, and Mr. F. G. Smith, were appointed said committee.

The Rev Dr. Ducachet presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and three laymen, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing the Legislature of this Commonwealth, on the subject of so altering the laws relating to marriages, as to protect the rights of parents and guardians, and to secure the clergy against the risks and penalties which attach to them in consequence of their celebration of the marriages of minors, and of other clandestine and unlawful marriages; and that, should they deem such application expedient, they be authorised

and instructed, in the name of this body, to take such measures as they may think necessary for the accomplishment of this object.

Which, on motion of Mr. Meredith, accepted by the mover, was so altered, as to refer the matter to a committee, to report to this Convention; whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, the Rev. Mr. Beasly, and Messrs. Jas. S. Smith, P. H. Nicklin, and Orlando Metcalf, were appointed said committee.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

Assembled again in our annual meeting, through the good providence of our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge with gratitude to Him the continued prosperity of the Diocese. With some increase in numbers, there has been also, I trust, an improvement in spiritual character. The parochial Clergy, generally, are faithful in the discharge of their laborious duties, and their flocks are "growing up into Christ;" the final results will be known in "the day which will try every man's work of what sort it is."

Since we last met, the head of a neighbouring Diocese has been removed from his earthly toils, to, we doubt not, his everlasting rest; and though the Church at large laments the bereavement, she praises God for the benefits conferred on her, for several years, by the fidelity, the sound principles, the persevering labours, and the mild and acceptable administration, of Bishop Stone. My personal intimacy with him enabled me to know well, and appreciate highly, the sterling excellence of his character.—I have also to record, and I do it with much regret, the decease of the Rev. Bennett Glover, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie; my acquaintance with him enables me to add, that he was a worthy man, a sincere Christian, and a conscientious pastor, entirely candid, unassuming, and unostentatious.

In fulfilment of the 7th Canon of 1835, I proceed with the detail of matters therein required.

Since we last assembled, I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal holiday, including three Sundays spent in Delaware; excepting New Year's day and Ash Wednesday. In

the Churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have preached 47 times. At the House of Refuge, once.

In June last, I preached at Easton, twice. In July, at Hulmeville, Yardleyville, and Newtown; at Francisville; at Wilkesbarre, twice; at Springville, twice; at Pike, twice; at New Milford, twice; at Montrose, twice; at Dundaff, Carbondale, Bethany; at Honesdale, twice; at Easton; at Mauch Chunk, three times. In August, at Churchtown and Morgantown; at East Nantmeal and Honeybrook; at Piquea and Leacock; at New London Cross Roads and West Marlborough. In September, at Oxford and Frankford; at Hamiltonville, twice; at Westchester, twice. In October, at Concord, and at a place of worship a few miles from the church; at Douglassville, twice; at Pottstown, twice; at Norristown, twice, and at Perkiomen; at West Whiteland, twice, and at St. Peters, in the Great Valley. In November, at Lower Dublin, and at Holmesburgh, twice. In December, at Whitemarsh. In January, at Newtown and Bristol. In February, at Pottsville, twice; at Sunbury, twice; at Milton, Williamsport, Hughesburgh; at Muncey, three times; at Derry, Columbia county; at Jerseytown, twice; at Sugarloaf, twice; at Orangeville; at Bloomsburgh, three times; at Danville, twice; and again at Sunbury. In April, at Reading, three times. Also, at Lancaster; at Columbia; at York, twice; in Christ Church, Adams county; in Christ Church Chapel, Petersburgh, twice; at Kidderminster; at Carlisle, twice; at Harrisburgh, three times; and in May, on the same journey, at Thompsontown; at Lewistown, twice; at Belle Fonte, twice; and at Huntingdon, twice.

The sacrament of *Baptism*, I have administered to seven children, and one adult, besides many other administrations of it included in the parish registers; and that of the *Lord's Supper*, 24 times, in this Diocese, including all public occasions. I have several times performed the *burial* office, acting for the parish minister. And I have solemnized 18 *marriages*.

On 57 occasions, I have administered the ordinance of *Confirmation*, besides in the Swedes Churches. At Easton, I confirmed 5 persons, and again 2, in all 7. At Francisville, 2 persons. At Wilkesbarre, 5; at Springville, 5; at Pike, 4; at New Milford, 6; at Montrose, 2; at Carbondale, 4; at Honesdale, 5; at Mauch Chunk, 8. At Churchtown, 7; at East Nantmeal, 13; at Honeybrook, 7; at Piquea, 5; at Leacock,

15. At Oxford, 8. At Concord, 5. At Douglassville, 8; at Pottstown, 2; at Norristown, 2; at Perkiomen, 1. At West Whiteland, 2; at St. Peter's, Great Valley, 6. At Lower Dublin, 17. At Whitemarsh, 5. At Newtown, 7. At Pottsville, 6; at Muncy, 8; at Jerseytown, 8; at Bloomsburgh, 6. At Reading, 6. At Lancaster, 7; at York, 3; at Carlisle, 7; at Harrisburgh, 3; at Thompsontown, 2; at Lewistown, 6; at Belle Fonte, 6; and at Huntingdon, one.

In Philadelphia, I have confirmed as follows. In St. Paul's Church, 20, and again 14, in all 34. At Kensington, 9. In Christ Church, 38, and again 20, in all 58. In St. Peter's, 30. In St. John's, 14. In St. Thomas', 20. In Trinity Church, 40. In the building occupied by the Church of the Evangelists, 21. At Moyamensing, 6. In St. James' Church, 31. In the Church of the Ascension, 33. In the Church of the Epiphany, 48. In St. Andrew's, 39. In Grace Church, 49.

The number of *Churches consecrated* during the past year, besides a Swedes Church, is four. On the Second of July, I consecrated Grace Church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville. Both are neat and commodious edifices; and the latter of considerable magnitude, and very substantial; they owe their existence, or enrolment on our lists, and their promising condition, to the active energies of our clerical brethren in those parts. On the 23d of February, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh; a brick structure, of much elegance, and of perhaps double the size of the former one of wood; the zeal of both the pastor and the flock, in this undertaking, is worthy of all commendation.—On the 4th of the present month, I consecrated St. John's Church, Belle Fonte; a neat and commodious building, well arranged for our service; it has a basement story for a vestry and Sunday School Rooms: and much credit is due to the efforts and perseverance which have accomplished this very desirable work.

Before reciting my services among our brethren of the *Swedes Churches*, I take the liberty of suggesting, most respectfully, that the door be opened for their admission into union with this Convention on terms somewhat easier than new congregations. This people are older in this soil than we. What relation they formerly held to the Church of Sweden, I know not; but for a long while they have borne none, or none of a practical sort. And they have so long used our liturgy and employed our clergy, besides having frequently

our episcopal services, that it will be but an offer of Christian and fraternal kindness, to adopt some measure which may induce them to direct their thoughts, more definitely than they may yet have done, to an union with us. Perhaps it will suffice, if to our Constitution there be added a section, to remain in force during a limited period, which will allow any incorporated congregation in this State that has used our liturgy and employed our clergy for a given number of years, to be represented in the Convention at which they are admitted: provided the vestry or congregation, by some proper act, accede to the Constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of our general and diocesan Church. This legislation will cover also the cases of one or two other incorporated congregations not yet in union.

Among our Swedes brethren, I have officiated as follows. On the 1st of February, I consecrated Christ Church, Upper Merion, preached, and confirmed 11 persons: the body of the church is old, but substantial; and being found too small for the growing congregation, a transept or cross-piece was added, with a tower and cupola forming the head of the cross; an excellent plan and also an economical one, for enlarging and beautifying churches of insufficient dimensions. The edifice is now an ornament to the shores of the Schuylkill, and highly creditable to the congregation and their Rector and Assistant Minister.—On Sunday, February 4th, I preached in Gloria Dei Church, near the Navy Yard, confirmed 8 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

It affords me sincere pleasure to record my grateful and affectionate acknowledgment of the kind attention and hospitality with which, on my journeys, I am every where received and entertained. For these welcome tokens of their official and personal regard, I pray God's blessing on the good people committed to my charge; as I do his heavenly benediction on them all, in all things, spiritual and temporal.

On Friday, August 4th, I *instituted* the Rev. William Douglass into the rectorship of St. Thomas' (African) Church, in this city.

The following is the record of my *ordinations* since our meeting last year.

On Sunday, May 28th, in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Nathaniel Sayre Harris to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 9th, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, I ad-

mitted Mr. Edwin Wilson Wiltbank, Mr. Alfred Louderback, Mr. Richard F. Burnham, Mr. William White, and Mr. George W. Natt, alumni of our General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Tuesday, February 13th, in St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, I admitted the Rev. Alfred Louderback, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, March 4th, in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., to the holy order of Deacons; and the Rev. John W. Hoffman, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Friday, April 27th, in St. John's Church, Carlisle, I admitted Mr. John W. McCullough (lately a Presbyterian minister,) to the holy order of Deacons; and the Rev. John F. Hoff, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

I have given *letters of dismission*—to the Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, to the Diocese of Michigan—to the Rev. Caleb I. Good, to the Diocese of Connecticut—to the Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, to the Diocese of South Carolina—to the Rev. George A. Smith, to the Diocese of Virginia—and to the Rev. Caleb S. Henry, and the Rev. Richard F. Burnham, to the Diocese of New York: all which have been accepted. Also, to the Rev. John R. Goodman, to Bishop Brownell, for the Diocese of Alabama; which have been accepted. Also, to the Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, to the Diocese of Illinois. The Rev. John L. McKim I have transferred to the Diocese of Delaware.

I have received and accepted letters of dismission to this Diocese, in behalf of the Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, and the Rev. John H. Marsden, both from Bishop Stone; in behalf of the Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, from Bishop Griswold; in behalf of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, deacon, from Bishop Meade; and in behalf of the Rev. Thomas West, from Bishop Otey. The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants I have transferred from Delaware to this Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Clark, absent on account of ill health, has *leave of absence* for one year; his place in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, is supplied by the temporary services of the Rev. Mr. Balch.

Our present number of *candidates* for holy orders is 24, as will appear from the list now presented. The name of John B. Foster is no longer on it. That of James C. Hulme has been withdrawn, in consequence of infirm health. That

of Frederick W. Boyd is also withdrawn. Thomas B. Flower has been transferred to the Diocese of Virginia.—On the 6th of June, I admitted to the candidateship John J. McElhinny. On the 5th of September, George Burcker, and John P. Hosmer. On the 2d of January, Edward Rice, and Samuel Rose Meade. On the 6th of February, William P. Saunders. On the 6th of March, William Sydney Walker. On the 12th of April, Edward Bourns, Alexander Shiras, and John A. Childs. On the 5th of May, Robert Bethell Claxton.

Edwin N. Lightner, who was admitted a candidate in New York, on the 25th of November, 1836, being a resident of this Diocese, was transferred to it on the 3d of last November.

Churches, not before reported, are *erecting* at Kensington, where I laid the corner stone on October 16th, and the consecration will take place next month; also at Huntingdon. At Westchester, preparations are making to build, and I am to lay the corner stone next month. At Piquea, arrangements are made for erecting a larger church, in place of the present one.

The Rev. M. R. Talbot has become the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, the Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle; the Rev. E. W. Wiltbank, deacon, the Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, and has formed a congregation at Westchester; the Rev. A. A. Miller, deacon, the Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, in place of the Rev. R. A. Henderson, resigned; and the Rev. N. S. Harris, deacon, has charge of the congregation of the Evangelists, Philadelphia. The Rev. John W. Hoffman is a teacher in the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia, and assists temporarily the Rector of St. Peter's. The Rev. Mr. Cushman has resigned his mission at Belle Fonte, and is succeeded by the Rev. G. W. Natt. Of the other missionaries, the Rev. W. Hommann, has resigned the charge at Pottstown, but retains that at Douglassville; the Rev. A. Louderback has taken the charge at Danville and Sunbury; the Rev. T. H. Michell, M. D., that at Alleghenytown; the Rev. C. E. Pleasants, that at Montrose and New Milford; and the Rev. W. White, that at Butler and Freeport. The Rev. J. L. McKim has resigned the charge at Honesdale and Bethany. The Rev. A. Varian has ceased to be a Professor in the Abbeville Institute, in consequence of new arrangements making in that seminary; being in "in-

firm health," I regard him as still entitled to a seat in the Convention. The Rev. C. F. Crusé has also left that institute, and gone to the State of New York, but retains his canonical relation to this Diocese. The Rev. Pierre Teller Babbit has recently been chosen the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, and will soon be transferred to this Diocese.

The missionaries are all employed by our Diocesan Society for the advancement of Christianity; a corporation whose efficiency and eminent usefulness have been tested by the experience of more than a quarter of a century. In its missionary operations, the Society has no independent agency, but can only act in conjunction with the diocesan head: its Constitution, which is its charter, empowers it "to send forth, under the sanction and direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, missionaries to those places within this State, where there is ground for the expectation that their labours will be useful in spreading the truths, and promoting the practice of the holy morality of the Gospel." This excellent function, under this very proper subordination, the Society has discharged with great zeal and energy, and with far more ample results than might have been expected from the comparatively slender means contributed for its disbursement. Nor only in the missionary department, but in all its operations, the Society regards itself as an aid to the authorities of the Church. The 9th article of its Constitution or Charter declares that it is "intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with, or entrench upon the established authority of the Church, in promoting her interest and advancement in Pennsylvania," and also, "that in whatever shall be done, that authority shall be recognised and conformed to." So perfectly satisfactory are these provisions to the Diocese, that its Convention, in 1812, the Constitution having been read before that body, responded fully to them, accepted this security for the right management of the Society's affairs, and acknowleged their gratification in having the trust for the objects mentioned in the charter deposited with so worthy an agent of the Church; the Convention declare "that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution, and promise to co-operate with them in promoting their pious and benevolent designs." Thus delegated as the representative of our Diocesan Church, for the "pious and benevolent" objects adverted to, the Society has fulfilled, and is fulfilling, its trust with great efficiency and success, though

without ostentation. And I therefore again solicit you, my brethren, whether clerical or lay, to make all the efforts in your power for the increase of its resources; I make the same request of all our Clergy, and of all Episcopalians in Pennsylvania. All have before them the clear and living proofs of its benign operation and influence. And not a few can testify to the benefits conferred, and the Christian comfort imparted, through its instrumentality, to many who have been reclaimed from sin and condemnation, and had their hope and confidence built firmly on the Redeemer, before they were called away from among the living on earth. For such an institution no exertions can be too great or too untiring. I attended the anniversary of the Society on the evening of the Epiphany: it was celebrated in St. Peter's Church, in this city; and the services were productive of much interest in the large congregation assembled.

At present, there are 22 missionaries in the service of the Society, as will appear from the following list: several vacancies exist, in stations formerly occupied.

The Rev. William Adderly, at Georgetown, at St. Paul's Church, and places near Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, who is Rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, at Jerseytown, and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, who is the minister of St. John's, York, at Columbia, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, who is rector of Christ church, Brownsville, at Pike Run, Washington county.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, at Rockdale, Delaware co.

The Rev. John F. Hoff, who is rector of St. Mark's, Lewistown, at Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and Thompsontown, Juniatta county.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, at Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, at Connelsville, Fayette county, and Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, at Kittanning, and Glade Run, Armstrong county.

The Rev. George Kirke, at Yardleyville, and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna co., and Pike, (Wyalusing Creek) Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, at Danville, Columbia co., and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Mitchell, M. D., deacon, at Alleghenytown, Allegheny county.

The Rev. George W. Natt, deacon, at Belle-Fonte and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, at Montrose and New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Easton, Northampton co., and Allentown, Lehigh county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county, and Milton, Northumberland county.

The Rev. William White, deacon, at Butler, Butler co., and Freeport, Armstrong county.

I include in the list of Missionaries, the Rev. William N. Pendleton, deacon, Professor in Newark College, Delaware, who officiates at New London ⋈ Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county; an arrangement very happily made for those feeble congregations.

Provision is made also by this most commendable Society, for the education for the ministry of worthy young men.—Under its Education Committee, there are at present, seven beneficiaries, three of whom are at the General Seminary, two at Washington College, and one at the University of Pennsylvania. There are also at the General Seminary, four others of our Candidates for orders.

In the Female Episcopal Tract Society, our diocesan institution has an useful auxilliary, the benefits of which are extensively felt; and which, could it obtain the amount of resources it deserves, would commensurately expand its valuable operations.

The Library of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, reposited in St. James' Church, is accessible to the members and to students in divinity.

Much patronage is wanted for the Bishop White Prayer Book Society; which conducts its operations with all the vigour its resources will allow, but which could distribute thousands of copies of our liturgy where it does hundreds, were its claims on the Church duly responded to. Its management

is necessarily local; yet it was not designed to be either a local or a diocesan institution, but as general and diffusive in its action as the contributions would permit. However, be the aid from beyond our borders less or greater, let us not forget *our* duty, to circulate the Prayer Book as widely as we can, with the ability which God giveth us.

Patronage, also, is required, and most fully deserved, by the Ladies' Prayer Book Society. Their admirable edition, cheap in the duodecimo form, and elegant in both that and the quarto forms, was much wanted, and is much prized. Let them be encouraged.

Our diocesan Sunday School Society is auxilliary to the General School Union of the Church, and recognises its authority. It perseveres in its useful labours, and merits the countenance and support of the diocese.

I again commend to the notice of the clergy, and of the vestries, in behalf of their pastors: the corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen. Its arrangements and the advantages it offers were reported last year, and entered on the Journal: to which I request their attention.

In June last, I attended the meeting of the Board of Missions, in Baltimore; and those of the General Theological Seminary, and the General Sunday School Union, in New York; that of the Union for but a short time, the business of the Seminary being urgent. These institutions are successfully engaged in their respective departments, with advantage to the Church, and in furtherance of the cause of the Redeemer.

BRETHREN—

My canonical statement is, I believe, complete; and I am not aware that I have any other matter to bring before you. It remains only therefore, that I release you from attention to these details, that we may proceed to the other duties which devolve on us as the representative council of our branch of the Church. In the discharge of this function, may the Spirit of God be with us, to enlighten our hearts, and direct our proceedings, that all we do may be to the glory of his great Name, and the benefit of his people!

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1838.

The Secretary then read the following official list of the candidates for orders in this Diocase.

List of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 16th, 1838.

William McDougall—since November 19, 1833.
Oliver A. Shaw—since July 7, 1834,
Edmund Neville—since March 20, 1835.
Charles Breck—since September 21, 1835.
William H. Odenheimer—since September 21, 1835.
Joseph Adderly—since October 9, 1835.
Richard Newton—since September 29, 1836.
John Hall—since November 5th, 1836.
Samuel W. Hallowell—since November 5, 1836.
Edwin N. Lightner—since November 25, 1836.
Alexander F. Dobb—since May 9, 1837.
William White Bronson—since May 9, 1837.
Gregory Thurston Bedell—since May 9, 1837.
John J. McElhinny—since June 6, 1837,
George Burcker—since September 5, 1837.
John P. Hosmer—since September 5, 1837.
Edward Rice—since January 2, 1838.
Samuel Rose Meade—since January 2, 1838.
William P. Saunders—since February 6, 1838.
William Sydney Walker—since March 6, 1838.
Edward Bourns—since April 12, 1838.
Alexander Shiras—since April 12, 1838.
John A. Childs—since April 12, 1838.
Robert Bethel Claxton—since May 15, 1838,
Total, 24.

The Rev. Dr. Upfold, offered the following resolution, which was carried, viz: That so much of the Bishop's address, as relates to the admission of certain Swedes' Churches into union with this Convention, be referred to a committee of three clergymen and three laymen, to report to this Convention; whereupon, Rev. Dr. Upfold, Rev. Mr. Dorr, Mr. Peter Williamson, Col. Robinson, and Mr. F. G. Smith were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
May 16th, 1838, 5 o'clock. P. M.

The roll was called. The following lay deputies not previously present, answered to their names and took their seats, viz: Clement Cresson, Samuel Shafer.

The Secretary presented the reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Trustees of the same, and also the report of the Treasurer of the convention fund, which having been previously examined and found correct by the Standing Committee, were ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The Committee on Charters made the following report:

That they have examined the articles of association of All Saints' Church, in the township of Moyamensing, county of Philadelphia; St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Pittsburgh; also, the charters of incorporation of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county, and of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the borough of Westchester, and find them in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, and that they have been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them approved.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, St. Andrew's Church, city of Pittsburgh, St. Andrew's Church, Springville, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, be, and they hereby are, admitted as members of this Convention. R. U. MORGAN, Chairman.

Whereupon the said Churches were received and admitted into union with this Convention.

Leave of absence after to-day, was granted to Mr. Adam Slemmer.

The committee appointed to consider the memorial of the Rev. Jas. Wiltbank, made the following report:

That the Rev. Mr. Wiltbank holds the commission of a Chaplain in the United States' Navy; that he receives his pay as such, being by the order of the Secretary of the Navy resident at Philadelphia, and reporting himself regularly to the Commandant at the Navy Yard in this city. He is canonically resident in the Diocese, and was absent a short time since by the permission of the Bishop.

Though deeming the point not entirely free from doubt, the committee are of opinion that the applicant has during the required period of time, "been employed in performing the

duties of his station" as a Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The committee think that the claim of Mr. Wiltbank can be sustained only on the ground above mentioned.

They offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. James Wiltbank be admitted to a seat as a member of this Convention.

W. H. DE LANCEY,
LEVI BULL,
G. M. WHARTON,
Committee.

May 16, 1838.

Whereupon, on motion, it was Resolved, That the Rev. Jas. Wiltbank be admitted a member of this body. His name was called, to which he answered, and took his seat.

On motion, Resolved, That the parochial reports be now read.

Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 17, 1838, 10 o'clock, A. M.
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the roll was called.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, being this day entitled to a seat in Convention, was called, answered to his name, and took his seat.

Mr. Wm. K. Lindsay, a lay deputy from Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, presented the certificate of his appointment, was called, answered, and took his seat.

Messrs. John Farr and Benj. Parke, not previously present, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Tyng moved the reconsideration of the vote on the report of the Committee on Charters; and that they be instructed so to amend it, as to insert the words "the charter of," before the words "St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Pittsburgh," which motion was carried; and the report was recommitted accordingly.

The names of the Clergy were then called agreeably to the resolution of the Convention of 1835, to inquire whether collections had been made in their respective Churches for the Convention fund: when it appeared that collections were

made by the following, viz: Rev. Messrs. Adderly, Beasley, Bowman, Boyd, Buchanan, Bull, Clark, Coleman, De Lancey, Dorr, Drake, Ducachet, Franklin, Freeman, Crumpton, Killikelly, Kirke, Lane, May, Mintzer, Morgan, Morton, Rees, Reynolds, Rodney, Rogers, Sheets, Smith, Stem, Suddards, Thorn, Tyng, and Upfold.

The following did not make the enjoined collection, viz; Messrs. Breintnal, Bryant, Clemson, Hilton, Miller, and Wiltberger.

And the following did not answer to their names, viz: Rev. Messrs. Douglass, Hoff, Hommann, Lacey, Lord, McKim, and Ridgley.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to provide accommodations for the members of this body, were called on to state whether they had attended to the duty thus assigned, when they reported, through their chairman, that the duty had been discharged to the utmost of their ability.

The Secretary moved that the Clergy of the city of Philadelphia, now members of this house, and the lay delegates representing the churches of the same, be a committee to provide accommodations for all the members of the next Convention, if possible; and that they be called upon, on the second day of the session, to report whether they have discharged that duty.

Which was carried.

It was then moved, that the committee appointed to consider and report on the subject of the marriage laws, be continued, with instructions to report to the next Convention. Whereupon Mr. Meredith moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which was carried.

On motion, it was Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund; provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The committee on unfinished business made the following report:

The committee on unfinished business, in discharge of their duty, Report, as subjects for determination at the present Convention, 1st, The resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Ridgely, and referred to a committee of which the same Rev. gentleman is chairman, (page 32,) the purport of which resolution is the placing of the benevolent operations of the

Church under the control of the Convention. 2dly. An amendment proposed to the 4th article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, (page 34.) And, lastly, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Church, laid before the Convention at their last session, (page 82, of the Journal of the last Convention.)

JOHN RODNEY,
J. M. ROGERS.
JNO. REYNOLDS.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey then presented the following report of the committee appointed at the last Convention, on the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Ridgley, viz:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan by which the *Sunday School*, *Tract*, *Missionary*, and other benevolent operations of the Diocese, shall be placed under the control of this Convention; and made to sustain a relation thereto similar to that which the Board of Missions sustains to the General Convention. And in case it should be found expedient, in the estimation of the committee, that they be instructed to report a plan to that effect."

Report.—The committee have given their attention to the subject committed to them in its various bearings; and while they concur in the opinion that the Sunday School, Tract, Missionary, and other enterprises of christian benevolence, in this Diocese, should be controlled by the *authority of the Church*, yet as the mode of applying that authority to such enterprises admits of variety, and has not been definitively tested either by the General Convention, or by this body; and as the existing institutions of the Diocese *recognise the authority of the Church*, it is inexpedient in the estimation of the committee to adopt for this Diocese any plan in relation to said enterprises, similar to that adopted by the General Convention, until further experience shall attest the wisdom and efficiency of the same. The committee therefore submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

W. H. DE LANCEY,
JAMES S. SMITH,
G. M. WHARTON,
THOS. ROBINSON.

May 16, 1838.

The same was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock this morning.

The committee on charters presented an amended report agreeably to their instructions, so that the words "charter of St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Pittsburg," are to be read instead of the words "articles of association," &c.

The Committee appointed at the Convention of 1836, on the subject of the legal register of baptisms and marriages performed by the Bishop, presented the following report, which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

The committee appointed by the Convention of 1836, and continued by the last Convention, relative to the register of baptisms and marriages performed by the Bishop, respectfully report, That the proposed section of a law on this subject, reported to the last Convention, and placed on the minutes of its proceedings, has passed both houses of the Legislature of this Commonwealth at the last session, received the signature of the Governor, and has become a law, a certified copy of which is annexed.

GEORGE UPFOLD.

Section 5. That baptisms and marriages which have been or may be solemnized by any Bishop within this State, may be entered by him on the register of any Church of which the said Bishop has the supervision, and the same when entered on the said register shall have the same legal effect and operation as if the said marriage or baptism had been solemnized by a clergyman having charge of the said Church, and been by him entered on the register thereof.

I certify that the foregoing is a copy of the 5th section of an act passed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, at the late session, authorizing the appointment of assignees or trustees of John Vaughan, and for other purposes.

Witness my hand, at Harrisburg, May 15, 1838.

FR. R. SHUNK,
Clerk H. Representatives.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the admission of certain Swedes' Churches, reported progress, and begged leave to be continued, and to report at the next Convention; whereupon the

said committee was continued, and instructed to report accordingly.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 750 copies of the Journal.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Secretary of the Standing Committee, laid upon the table the minutes of that body for the last year.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a report upon the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be laid before the next General Convention; whereupon the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Mr. May, and Mr. Meredith were appointed that committee.

Mr. Zadoc Thomas asked and obtained leave of absence.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was called up.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley then presented the following report in behalf of minority of the committee, on the resolution offered by him.

The minority of the committee appointed at the last Convention, to consider the expediency of bringing all the benevolent operations of the Diocese under the control of the Church, *differ from* the report of the majority, that "it is inexpedient at present." In the opinion of the minority, it is *always* expedient to do our *duty;* and that it is the duty of the Church to perform the very work which we have hitherto abandoned to the fluctuating charity of irresponsible Societies, it would be easy to demonstrate.

The doctrine that the Church herself is the best, because the only *divinely founded*, Society for all purposes of religious benevolence, appears at once so favorable to harmony and order, and so consonant with our distinctive principles, that it is a matter of surprise that it has not long ago been applied to our entire ecclesiastical organization. This great reform, though of recent origin, yet, created as it has been by a recurrence to first principles, has not been tardy in its progress. It has already been carried into several of our Dioceses; and we trust that the time is not far distant, when it will be the only basis of religious action in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

That the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, which the Saviour himself has constituted, is greatly to be preferred before any of those self-created and irresponsible Asso-

ciations, which (with the best intentions) often attempt to discharge its duties, and by which in some department of religious effort, it has been almost entirely superseded—is obvious for the following reasons:

1st. It is consonant with her organization, and the *object* for which she was instituted, that the Church should undertake these duties. Is she not commanded to "preach the gospel to all the world?" Must she then not raise up from amongst her members, a company of *Preachers*—call them, qualify them, indoctrinate them, commission them. And in doing this, does she not act as a divinely instituted "*Education Society?*" But "how shall they preach except they be sent?" It is her duty then to *send* them, subject to her authority, to their respective stations. Not only so, she is bound to support them at their work—aye, and direct their movements. In all this does she not exhibit herself as a divinely founded "*Missionary Society?*" By the one operation she produces the men, by the other she is made responsible for the money and the management. But further still—she is required to furnish them in their respective fields of labour with all the *implements* and *appliances* which may be important to aid them at their work. Are Bibles necessary? She is bound to furnish them. And thus by the very terms of her ecclesiastical existence, she becomes a *Bible Society*. Are Tracts, Prayer Books, Sunday Schools important? Then by the same fundamental conditions of her being, she is bound to become a Tract, Prayer Book, Sunday School Society. Is it found to be important, in order that the minds of men should be prepared for the full play and power of this simple and yet splendid moral engineery, of which God himself is the inventor and architect, that they should become thinking beings, should be *educated?* Then the subject of popular instruction is not exclusively confined within the province of our civil legislatures; but a wise consideration of it, becomes the bounden duty of the Church.

2. *She is explicitly commanded to undertake these duties herself.* The command before referred to, contains two points: 1st, the thing to be done; 2dly, the agent who is to do it. The duty is to 'preach the gospel;' which implies all the preparatory arrangements leading to that result. A ministry must be created, or to speak more correctly, perpetuated. Men are to be converted and called. In order to this, the Church must use the means. They must be educated, commissioned, sup-

ported, directed. And who is to do all this? To whom has God entrusted this arduous duty, requiring so much wisdom, faithfulness and power? To the Church, and to her alone. May the servant whom his Lord has commanded to do a particular thing, call upon another to do it? No, the burden has been laid upon the Church, and she is not at liberty to entrust any part of it, to shoulders feebler than her own. The action is not more explicitly pointed out, than the agency which is to effect it.

3. *A blessing is pledged to the right performance of this work*; the Saviour has promised to be with his Church even unto the end of the world, to bless her labours, and crown them with success. But he has made no such promise to any irresponsible Associations.

The world is to be converted by means apparently inadequate. But when the infidel scornfully refers us to our feebleness, we point to that cheering promise, and inform him that the power is of God. This cheers us at our work—this causes the soothing impression to sink deep into our hearts, that "duty is ours and results are his."

Every christian feels that as in the conversion of a single individual, so in that of a world—"God giveth the increase;" upon that alone must we rely. Let us not then forfeit the blessing by abandoning the conditions on which it has been pledged.

Is it not true, that the Church is entitled to appropriate this promise, only so far and so long as she herself is (as a church) engaged in active obedience to the command, with which it has been placed in juxta-position upon the sacred page? How far this may account for any comparative want of success in the received plan of missionary effort by popular Societies, we do not undertake to determine.

4. If it were *lawful* for the Church in this diocese to abandon these operations to the popular Societies of the day, yet let it be remembered that this Convention is *not* the Church. We are delegates appointed by her, to do her work—Even if *she* might transfer that work to other hands, we, her representatives, have no authority to do so. Could Congress commit the commercial, agricultural, and manufacturing interests of this country to the Chambers of Commerce, Agricultural Societies, Trades' Unions, and other irresponsible combinations with which the land is teeming? The people might do this,

perhaps, but their representatives cannot—delegated power cannot be delegated.

5. Another reason for carrying this policy throughout our entire organization, (in the opinion of the minority) is, that this alone can give permanence to the missionary arrangements in which the General Convention have recently embarked. There are some amongst us who smile incredulously whenever that arrangement is referred to; they speak of it as extravagant and impracticable, and do not hesitate to predict an early winding up of the whole affair, and recurrence to the old plan of independent action—Nay, some of these are taking pretty efficient means to realize, as far as their influence extends, their own predictions. They readily perceive that a Missionary Society under the General Church unsupported by auxiliaries, under the Conventions of the several dioceses, is an edifice without a suitable foundation. When the agents of such a Society come into any diocese to present its claims, they must depend upon occasional collections, upon independent auxiliary Associations, or upon their own great system carried into effect under the authority of the diocesan Convention: the former will not be thought of as a permanent reliance—the experience of all denominations proves it to be inadequate. The second is a departure from their own leading principles, apothegm, that "the Church is the best Society." The third is the only feasible plan, viz: diocesan Auxiliaries bearing the same relation to the State Conventions that the parent Institution does to the representative confederacy of the Church at large.

When the present *Theory of Missions* was adopted by the General Convention, and was sent forth to do its work of conciliation and benevolence, bearing the imprimatur of the Church, the large majority of Episcopalians exceedingly rejoiced; it was considered a great advance upon any position which we had ever occupied before. But that theory to be successful must be fully carried out in practice. A great Society under the General Convention and irresponsible Associations in the several dioceses, can never prosper. The Parent Institution must be upheld by auxiliaries formed upon a plan similar to its own, or sectional opposition will be sure to destroy it. Independent Societies gotten up for local purposes will occupy the whole ground: its claims, however urgently pressed, can be but partially entertained by commu-

nities that have already been levied upon by the vigilant rapacity of sectional institutions.

The charity funds of every parish ought to be under the control of the "Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen," those of the diocese under that of its Convention acting through committees, or a Board of its own appointment, and subject always to its annual legislation—This alone can give maturity and completeness to that beautiful scheme of truly Episcopal benevolence which was adopted by our highest authorities in 1835—this alone can develop in the fulness of its meaning that great truth, which seems to be passing into a sort of missionary proverb, "the Church is the best Society."

The minority of the Committee will not detain the Convention by offering further arguments, although many important considerations remain to be presented; but will conclude by directing their attention to one important distinction which seems to have been overlooked. The question which the resolution that constitutes the body of these proceedings brings before the Convention, is not whether it be *expedient* to bring our operations of religious benevolence under the control of the Church at any *particular time*, or in any particular way, but *generally* whether it be expedient that this should be done *at all*. With this a direction was given to prepare some plan for that object—a plan to take effect now or at *some future time*, as the case may appear to demand.

In the opinion of the minority, the Report of the majority does not fully respond to the resolution upon which it has been formed—That seems to call for a *resolution* distinctly rejecting or establishing the principle; and also either the Report of a distinct plan embodying that principle, or in the absence of *necessary information*, the suggestion of the preparatory measures necessary to procure it. To postpone the subject indefinitely, may be to bury the consideration of it forever. With these views the minority beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That *the Church* as instituted by the Saviour himself, is the best organization for the purposes of religious benevolence, that has ever been devised; and that all attempts to supersede it by institutions of merely human origin, must be injurious to the interests of the Gospel.

Resolved, That the Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is a Society for the Advancement of Christianity, of which

every baptised person within her borders is a member; and to which every such person, by virtue of his membership, is bound to contribute according to his ability.

Resolved, That it is expedient that all our operations of religious benevolence, should be under the control and legislation of this Convention.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to collect information as to the different modes of applying these principles in other Dioceses where they have already been distinctly recognised and adopted; to confer with the existing Societies of the Diocese as to ascertain feelings on the subject, and to report to the next Convention.

G. W. RIDGLEY.

Rev. Dr. DeLancey moved that the resolution recommended by the majority be adopted.

Mr. Ridgley moved that the resolution of the report of the majority be postponed, and that the resolutions reported by the minority be substituted in their room.

After debate, it was moved and resolved, that the election of officers be made the order of the day for half past 5 o'clock this afternoon; and that the reports of the majority and of the minority of the committee on Mr. Ridgley's resolution be made the order of the day for 6 o'clock.

Whereupon, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Thursday, May 17, 1838, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called.

The Rev. J. J. Kerr appeared, answered, and took his seat. Dr. Caspar Morris, not previously present, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The minutes were read; and on motion, it was resolved that the question on the minutes be postponed.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the practice of introducing printed tickets containing the names of the candidates for offices be abolished.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order.

Whereupon, Rev. Mr. Douglass appealed to the house from the decision of the Chair. The vote being taken on the ap-

peal, it appeared that the appeal was not sustained. So the motion was decided to be out of order, and the question was not put.

The question was then taken on the minutes, and they were approved as correct.

Half past 5 o'clock having arrived, on motion, the order of the day was entered upon; when the Rev. B. Dorr and the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, were appointed tellers to collect the votes of the clergy; and Messrs. Palmer and S. Wagner, tellers to collect the votes of the laity.

The tellers reported the following persons to be elected by joint ballot, and they were declared elected accordingly.

Standing Committee.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Mr. James S. Smith,
Mr. Boyd,	Tobias Wagner,
Dr. Ducachet,	John Andrews,
Mr. May,	Philip H. Nicklin
Mr. Dorr,	George M. Wharton.

Deputies to the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Mr. William Meredith,
Mr. Bowman,	Horace Binney,
Mr. Bull,	Edward J. Stiles,
Dr. Upfold,	James S. Smith.

Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

Rev. Mr. Rodney,	Mr. Samuel Hazlehurst,
Mr. Sheets,	Mr. Lewis Ashhurst,
Mr. Suddards,	Dr. W. D. Brinckle.

Treasurer of Convention,
Mr. Tobias Wagner.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund,
Mr. Philip H. Nicklin.

The order of the day for 6 o'clock was then called up: when Mr. Binney moved to amend the resolution offered by the majority, by striking out the words in the first clause, "this report be accepted, and," which was carried. So the question was taken on the resolution thus amended, when it was Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

Col. Thos. K. Bull moved that the next Annual Convention be held in Christ Church, in the borough of Reading.

Rev. L. N. Freeman moved to substitute "Pittsburg," in the place of "Christ Church, in the borough of Reading."

Mr. Jas. S. Smith moved to postpone the consideration of the substitute and the original motion, which was carried: whereupon the same gentleman moved that the next Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved to substitute "St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia," for "St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia." Whereupon, the motion that the Convention meet in St. Peter's Church was withdrawn; and the vote being taken upon St. Andrew's Church, it was resolved that the next Annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mr. May offered the following resolution.

Whereas, it is proper, when members of the Church, clergymen and laymen, assemble to consult upon the interests of the Church and of religion, that they should have regard to their own religious improvement, and that for this end, much attention should be given to "the ministry of the Word and prayer." Therefore,

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, that there ought to be frequent religious services, with preaching, during the session of the Convention:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for carrying into effect the sense of the Convention thus expressed, against the next annual session.

Which, on motion of the mover, was ordered to lie on the table for consideration at the next Convention.

The committee on the mileage of the clergy, asked an appropriation of $200; when, on motion, it was Resolved, that the appropriation be granted.

The Secretary then presented to the consideration of the house, the proposed addition to the IV article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, which was laid over from the last year for consideration at this Convention.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this Diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said Church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the

Convention to declare the same. But any such Church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, accompanied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

The ayes and noes being taken on the question of its adoption, it was unanimously agreed to, and the addition to the IV article of the Constitution was made accordingly, the votes standing thus:

CLERGY.

AYES.—Bishop Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, Crumpton, Davis, De Lancey, Dorr, Drake, Ducachet, Franklin, Hilton, Hoff, Kerr, Mintzer, Morgan, Morton, Ridgley, Smith, Stem, Upfold, Wiltberger.

CHURCHES.

AYES.—St. Luke's Church, Newtown; St. Stephen's, Harrisburg; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; St. David's, Manayunk; St. Paul's, Montrose; St. Peter's Church, St. James' Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Grace Church, in the City of Philadelphia; St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, and Trinity Church, Southwark.

The question was then taken on the resolution recommended and laid over for adoption at this Convention, viz:

Resolved, That a copy of this alteration of the Constitution, now finally approved of and adopted by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every Church which has been admitted a member.

It was then moved and resolved, that the following gentlemen be nominated by this Convention as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to represent this Diocese in that board; and that they be recommended to the General Convention for appointment, viz:

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Hon. David Scott,
Dr. Upfold,	John Read, Esq.,
John Rodney, Jr.,	William Meredith, Esq.,
George Boyd,	Hon. John Reed,
Dr. Ducachet,	James S. Smith, Esq.,
Levi Bull,	Benjamin Stiles, Esq.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection; when, after the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET, Secretary.

These reports, which were read at different periods during the sitting of the Convention, are here inserted.

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1838.

Report of the Rev. William Adderly, Missionary, rector of St. Luke's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's Churches, Beaver County.

St. Luke's Church, Georgetown.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 5; total, 6; Congregation, families about 21; communicants, added 2, died or removed 3, present number 35; public services, on Sundays 27; other days 3; total 30; marriages 1; burials 2. The Sabbath School, which is usually closed during the winter season, had not commenced.

St. Paul's Church.

Baptisms, infants 5; congregation, families 24; communicants, added 4; present number 36; public services, on Sundays 24; other days 4; total 28; marriages 1; children catechized 20; times 7; Sunday school 1; teachers 4; pupils 42; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $3,50; missionary and other purposes, $13,08; total, $16,58.

St. Peter's Church, Beaver Falls.

On my return from the last Convention, I had been invited by the citizens of Fallstown, to visit that place, for the purpose of forming a congregation. I immediately proceeded to Fallstown, where I was received with kindness to be long and gratefully remembered.

Finding that the people were very desirous of worshipping Almighty God, according to the usages of that Church in which they had been brought up, and every thing being found favourable,a congregation was immediately organized, agreeably to the charter, to be called St. Peter's Church, of which, by request of its vestry, and consent of the vestry of St. Luke's, and St. Paul's Churches, I took charge, devoting to it one third of my time. The number of families is about 20, to whom I have preached in a school-house 26 times, 20 on Sundays, and 6 on other days. In every point of view, this congregation is encouraging, there is an interest manifested with respect to the affairs of the Church, and the things of religion in general, which is rarely seen in infant congregations.

The vestry have resolved on my return, to take measures for the erection of a building. If this congregation is to increase, it is absolutely necessary that this should be done immediately. They will not be able to accomplish it themselves, without the assistance of their christian brethren abroad, of whose liberality, it is an object every way worthy.

In addition to the above services, I have preached at Freeport twice, Bridgewater three times, Alleghenytown six times, and administered the Lord's Supper, and Greersbury eight times.

The Sunday schools are prospering, particularly that of St. Paul's, and here I would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a parcel of Sunday school books, a donation from the Sunday school of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, through the kindness of its Rector. Should some other friend of Sunday schools, make a similar donation for a Sunday school at St. Peter's Church, where one is very much wanted and desired, it would be very thankfully received.

The Rector of these parishes, in reviewing the labours of the past year, finds great reason for thankfulness to God, that though necessarily exposed in the duties of his ministry to the most disagreeable weather of last winter, his health has continued to improve. His congregations are becoming more encouraging every year, from an increasing interest in them to the things of religion.

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Report of the Rev. Charles H. Alden.

I have preached occasionally at the House of Refuge and elsewhere: have officiated at baptisms and funerals, and rendered such assistance to several of the parochial clergy, as was consistent with my duties as Principal of the Young Ladies' High School of this city.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, City Missionary.

As by the Canon of the General Convention of 1835, every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall report to the Ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed, I therefore present the following view of my movements.

I continue acting in the capacity of a City Missionary.

During the year, up to this date, I have officiated in the service of the Church, alone, on seven occasions. I have ad-

ministered, or assisted in the administration of, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on 20 occasions. I have baptised 51 persons.

In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 194 occasions; I have married 30 couple; I have officiated on 106 funeral occasions.

During the year, up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 1686, 1568 of them to the sick and afflicted. I have distributed 13 bibles, 2 new Testaments, 52 Prayer Books, and 39,766 pages of tracts. I continue the plan of loaning tracts.

My monthly meetings at the Widow's Asylum, and my weekly meetings at the Magdalen Asylum, also at my own house, are continued. Many of the latter have not been included in the foregoing enumeration.

May the Lord deign to glorify himself, through a very imperfect instrument for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Report of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 150; baptisms, adults 15; infants 11; total 26; confirmed 38; communicants, added 22; died or removed 4; present number, 468; marriages 3; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 104; other days 3, and a lecture every Thursday evening, during eight months of the year; children catechized, 3 times; Sunday schools, male teachers, 20; pupils, 227; female teachers, 47; pupils, 486; total, 67 teachers, 708 pupils; bible class, members, 55; collections, Episcopal Fund, $61.57; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $92,77; missionary and other purposes, $2500; total, $2,654,34.

On the 31st December last, I took charge of this Church, during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Clark, who has gone to Europe for the benefit of his health. Last advices state his health to be improving—it is yet uncertain when he may return—perhaps during the coming summer or autumn.

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Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 11; total, 17; communicants, added, 8; died, 1; removed, 2; public services, on Sundays, 103; confirmed, 17; marriages, 4; Sunday schools, 2; collec-

tions, Episcopal fund, $9 04; Soc. Adv. Christianity, $20; missionary and other purposes, $750; total, $779 4.

In addition to the services on Sundays in the Churches belonging to our congregation, the Chapel at Holmesburg has been opened, during the greater part of the year, on Wednesday evenings, for prayer and a lecture. There have also been other services in the Churches on particular days. The Rector has also officiated in some of the school houses in the neighbourhood. The children have been catechised, and are at present assembled for that purpose on every Sunday.

One of the Spanish bells imported into our country during the past winter, weighing about 400 pounds, has been purchased for the Church at Holmesburg. The sum required for this purpose, and also money for the erection of such a structure as is necessary for its suspension, was collected by the praiseworthy efforts of the ladies of the congregation, and through the liberality of our friends.

Although we have to lament that the influence of pure religion does not extend more rapidly in our neighbourhood, we have cause for much encouragement and gratitude, when we consider the spiritual condition and prospects of our church.

Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 10; total, 16; confirmed, 7; communicants, 64; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 57; marriages, 8; burials, 9; children catechised, 45; times, 12; Sunday schools, 3; male, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 35; female, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 55; infant school, 1; teacher, 1; pupils, 25; total, schools, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 115; collections, Episcopal Fund, $34 20; Soc. for Adv. Christianity, $35 75; Convention fund, $11 71.

The Sunday school teachers assemble every Monday evening, when the portion of scripture or catechism which is to occupy their classes on the following Sunday, is explained to them.

The Female Missionary Society of St. James' Church, have contributed by the sale of their own work, $100 to the funds of the General Society.

The Juvenile Missionary Society, composed entirely of very young members of the Church, have raised for the same object, and by the same means, $30.

About a year since, the plan of monthly offerings for mis-

sionary purposes, was adopted in the congregation, and with very gratifying success. The amount received up to the 1st of May, is $176 13. Each contributor directs where his contribution shall be applied, whether to foreign, domestic, or diocesan missions.

Total amount for all purposes, $387 79.

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Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 14: infants, 29; total, 43; communicants, added, 18; died or removed, 48; present number, 215; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days, 2; total, 4; confirmed, 13; marriages, 4; burials, 21; children catechised, 250; times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 80; female, 2; teachers, 20; pupils, 230; total, schools, 3; teachers, 25; pupils, 310; collections, Episcopal Fund, $10; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $100; missionary and other purposes, $1422; total, 1532.

I mentioned in my last report, that the female members of this church had undertaken the collection of contributions for the purpose of discharging the debts upon the Church. They have not collected much directly in the form of subscriptions, but by the sale of fancy articles, mostly the work of their own hands, they have contributed largely to the relief of the Church. By their exertions, debts to the amount of $2800 have been paid. In this work there is a becoming interest felt, and its success under the divine blessing is now rendered certain, being in the hands of those who never think they have done enough while any thing remains for them to do.

The Sunday schools are conducted as usual, without any material change in the number of the pupils, or of the teachers. It gives me pleasure to say that in the male department, though we have experienced a great loss by the removal of several valuable teachers, those who remain are prosecuting their work with great zeal and efficiency.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Rector of St. Mary's Curch, West Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 17; total 19; communicants, added 7; died or removed, 4; present number, 21; marriages, 4; burials, 5; public services, on Sunday, 80; other times, 3; total, 83;

Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 22; female, 1; teachers 3; pupils, 17; total, schools, 2; teachers 8; pupils, 39.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches, near Philadelphia.

In compliance with a canon of the late General Convention, the undersigned begs leave to state, that he is still connected with the Swedish Churches, near Philadelphia, as one of the assistant ministers, and as such, officiating regularly. His immediate charge is St. James' Church, Kingsessing, where of late are some favourable indications, though the peculiar organization of these Churches is such as to forbid any permanent improvement until a change therein shall be effected; a consummation, therefore, devoutly to be wished.

Report of the Rev. William Bryant, Missionary, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants, 29; total, 29; congregation, families, not known; communicants, added, 7; died or removed, 1; present number, 47; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 25; total, 129; confirmed, 6; marriages, 3; children catechized, 50; times, 10; Bible classes, 2; members, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 57; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 50; total, schools, 2; teachers, 23; pupils, 107.

The whole amount collected in the year, is about one hundred and thirty dollars, which has been chiefly expended for necessary purposes of the Church, with the exception of about seven dollars, which has been paid into the Society for the Advancement, &c. &c.

We have not yet adopted any regular system of collections, but we hope soon to be received into the Convention, when we shall, in a small way, observe more uniformity.

Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county.

Baptisms, infants, 6; total, 6; congregation, families, 54; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 1; present number, 43; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 8; total, 30; confirmed, 5; marriages, 2; burials, 5; children catechised, 35; times, 8; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 51; collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 80; Soc. Adv. Christianity, $3 50; missionary and other purposes, $18 15; total, $25 45.

The attendance upon the services of this Church continues to be so good as to render it expedient at once to erect a new and larger building. This the vestry have resolved to do. Upwards of $2000 have already been subscribed in the congregation for this purpose. The ladies of a Sewing Society, formed last June, headed our subscription list with $300; which sum they have already raised by their exertions. Proposed dimensions of the new Church, 40 feet by 65.

Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 9; total 13; congregation, families, 46; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 33; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 6; total 28; confirmed, 15; burials, 5; children catechised, 20; times, 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 60; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $8; missionary and other purposes, $21; total, $32 60.

The prospects of this church, both temporal and spiritual, are very encouraging. The building itself has been much altered and improved during the past year, at the expense of a Sewing Society, formed last summer. Cost, $65.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St Mary's Church, Chester County, Bangor Church, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's Church, Berks county.

St. Mary's Church.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6; congregation about 250; families and parts of families about 100; communicants, 86; public worship every alternate Sunday; meetings for prayer twice a week for about six months in the year; children catechised before church about four months in the year; marriages, 3; burials—several other denominations of christians, bury their dead in the churchyard, the number therefore cannot accurately be given; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 45. Collections have been made for the Soc. Adv. of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for Episcopal Fund, and for the Convention Fund. A Missionary Society is connected with this Church, which has contributed by the year, over an hundred dollars.

Bangor Church, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, 10, all children; congregation, about 200; Families, and parts thereof, about 90; communicants, 45; public worship, once in two weeks, on Sunday morning; meetings for

prayer, once a week, besides extra services; children catechised before church during summer; marriages, none; funerals, not known; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 50; collections have been made I think for the Episcopal Fund, for the Soc. Adv. Christianity, and for the Convention Fund. A Missionary Society is connected with this Church, which has raised by the year 120 dollars.

St. Thomas' Church, Berks county.

Baptism, 1; congregation, about 150; families, and parts thereof, about 75; communicants, 40; public worship, once in two weeks, on Sunday afternoon; occasional extra services; children catechised after church, during summer; funerals, not known; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 40; collections have been made, I believe, for the Soc. Adv. Christianity, and for the Episcopal and Convention Funds. There is also attached to this Church a Missionary Society, which has contributed more than 50 dollars per annum.

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Report of the Rev J. C. Clay, rector of the Sweedish Churches.

These churches are three in number, Gloria Dei, in Southwark, St. James', Kingsessing, and Christ Church, Upper Merion. The rector gives his special attention to the first-named of these Churches, officiating only once a month at Kingsessing and Upper Merion. Of the two country churches, the Rev. Mr. Brinckle has charge of St. James', and the Rev. Mr. Diehl, of Christ Church.

Gloria Dei.

Baptisms 72; marriages 31; communicants, about 40; added since last report 7; persons confirmed 8; funerals 23.

Connected with the Church, are a male and female Sunday School, and an infant school, in which there are about 160 children, under the instruction of 20 teachers.

The Church has contributed to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $10; to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $10; to the female Episcopal Tract Society, $10.

The church at Upper Merion has been much enlarged and improved, at an expense to the congregation of about $3000.

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Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

It is the happiness of the Rector to be able to report, that

the Church in all respects enjoys prosperity. Notwithstanding its location in a thinly populated neighbourhood, and the pecuniary difficulties affecting the population, arising from the peculiarity of the times, the congregation has been gradually and surely increasing; and with its numerical increase, there has been more than a proportionate gain in spiritual attainments. The means of Grace have been the same as heretofore, being the regular services in the Church on Sunday mornings and evenings, and on the principal holydays, and in the Lecture room on Tuesday evenings.

The Sunday School has been managed with its former ability, and has sustained its usual interest. The Rector is aided in this important part of his charge by a band of faithful, zealous, and energetic teachers, who are always happy to lighten his labours, carry out his suggestions, and consummate his plans.

The labours of the Bible Class, were necessarily suspended. Severe and protracted afflictions in the family of the Rector, rendered it impracticable for him to attend to this branch of his duties. From the same cause, he was compelled to defer many of his Pastoral duties.

The contributions of the congregation have of necessity been directed to the liquidation of its former liabilities; consequently, but little has been given to other objects. It is to be hoped, there will be no need for a like apology in the year to come.

Thus far we have been greatly encouraged and blessed in our several labours and interests. We thank God for all his dispensations towards us. And in reliance upon his gracious Spirit, with renewed zeal and encouragement we are disposed to go on, to further the purposes of his glory and enlarge the boundaries of his kingdom.

Families in congregation, 113; baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 76; total, 86; confirmed, 33; communicants, added, 61; removed, 2; present number, 128; marriages, 19; burials, 11: children catechized frequently; Sunday Schools, male teachers, 12; female, 19; total, 31; pupils, girls, 106; boys, 99; infant school, 55; total in attendance, 270; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $15.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The rector of this Parish, respectfully presents the following report of the past year:

Baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 69; total, 79; confirmed, 40; communicants, last reported, 184; added 56; died, 6; removed, 9; present number, 225; marriages, 21; burials, 12; congregation, families, 203; adults, 618; children, 420; total, 1038; public services, on Sundays, 94; (a temporary suspension required by the repairs of the interior of the Church;) other days, 42; total, 136; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 21; scholars, 232; female, 3; teachers, 33; scholars, 304; total, schools 6; teachers, 54; scholars, 536; of whom, about 340 are the average regular attendants; volumes in Sunday school libraries, 850; in Parish library, 396. One of our male schools is a new one, organized during the past year. The children are examined in the Church catechism, monthly, by the Rector, and it gives him great pleasure to say that the schools are well conducted and flourishing. Bible class, 1; (female;) members, 70; meets every Friday evening for instructions by the Rector. Collections: Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $50; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 50; Convention fund, $20; Missionary and other purposes, $479,04; total, $599,04. The Rector has preached elsewhere, 46 times, and officiated at 16 funerals without the Parish.

During the past winter, the whole interior of the Church was re-painted, and otherwise improved; the Vestry have lately purchased two other lots to add to the present burying ground, and are about erecting a handsome new brick house for the accommodation of our Sunday Schools, in aid of which latter object, the ladies of the congregation have raised within the past year, the sum of $1350. With these indications of temporal prosperity, the Rector rejoices to add, that the spiritual condition of the Parish is such, as to cheer him in his humbler efforts to "fulfil the ministry which he has received of the Lord Jesus."

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.

Baptisms, infants, 9; total, 9; congregation, families, 43; adults, 98; children, 70; total, 168, communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 65; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 61; total, 157; marriages, 1; burials, 4; children catechised, 50; times, 10; Sunday school, male teachers, 9; pupils, 41; female teachers, 12; pupils, 49; total, school, 1; teachers, 21; pupils, 90; collections, Convention fund, 8 06; Missionary and other purposes, $913; total, $921,06.

During the past year, a Sunday school and Lecture Room,

has been built, the expenses of which have absorbed nearly all the money collected in the congregation.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, I have performed divine service or preached but rarely, some six or seven times in all, nor am I now more able than I was then to resume the public functions of the ministry.

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Report of the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 17; infants, 83, total, 100; communicants, added, 30; died or removed, 20; present number, 190; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 72; total, 180; confirmed, 30; marriages, 12; burials, 31; children catechized, 200; times, 5; bible class, 1; members, 125; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 120; female 2; teachers, 27; pupils, 220; adult school teachers, 10; pupils, 36; day school teachers, 1; pupils, 70; total schools, 5; teachers, 47; pupils, 440; collections, for Convention, $30; Episcopate, $200; General Theological Seminary, $200; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $500; Missionary and other church objects, local and general, $1922; total, 2852.

The system of Quarterly Collections for Church objects, is continued in this Parish with undiminished success. The several collections in Church since the last report, have been $570 each, on an average. The general condition of the Parish is flourishing in both its temporal and spiritual concerns. The continued liberality of the Vestry, enables the Rector to enjoy the services of an assistant. The Rev. A. A. Miller, having been invited to the Church at Pottsville, the Rev. John W. Hoffman, who since my last has been performing occasional services, is now the assistant to the Rector.

The rector reports also, that he has statedly visited and lectured at Christ Church Hospital, which is under the conjoint pastoral care of the Rectors of Christ Church and St. Peter's. The institution has about 40 inmates.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl.

The undersigned reports that he is still in connection with the Sweedish Churches, in and near Philadelphia. He officiates in the City Church, the first Sunday in every month; and in

one of the Country Churches, (Christ's Church, Upper Merion,) every Sunday morning in the year; with the above exception.

In Christ Church, Upper Merion, there are 45 families; adults, 120; children, 65: total, 185; baptisms, during the year, adults, 6; communicants, added, 9; present number, 31; public services, on Sundays, 50; confirmed, 11; marriages, 3; burials, 12; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 2; female teachers, 4; scholars, 45; Collection, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $20.

The Church edifice has been enlarged, at an expense of upwards of $3000. There is an increasing attendance upon the means of grace, and a growing seriousness is manifested in the congregation.

In St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, divine service has been performed twelve times. Five have been confirmed, and one buried.

The Union Church, above Norristown, is well attended—26 services have been held in it, and the Sacrament administered once to 17 persons. There is a Sunday school attached to it, under the charge of teachers belonging to the Episcopal Church; scholars, about 50; teachers, 6.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 13; infants, 56; total, 69; congregation, families, 198; communicants, added 55; died or removed 11; present number, 220; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 126; total, 230; confirmed, 58; marriages, 8; burials, 42; children catechized, 200: times, 7; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 40; female, 3; teachers, 31: pupils, 160; total schools, 4; teachers, 37; pupils, 200; Collections and contributions, Episcopal Fund, $55,30; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $315; missionary and other purposes, $2155,88; total, $2526,18.

The Rector desires to acknowledge, with devout thankfulness, the prosperity of this Parish, both in its spiritual and temporal affairs. Besides the usual Sunday services, the Church has been opened every Wednesday and Friday morning for prayers, on all holydays, and every day in Passion Week. For the last seven months, the Rector has delivered a lecture in the Church on each Friday morning. From a hundred and fifty, to three hundred persons, have usually attended.

The Sunday Schools are flourishing. The superintendent and teachers merit great praise for their fidelity and zeal, in this important work. Of the 37 teachers in the Sunday school, 27 are communicants.

The children of the congregation, including those connected with Sunday schools, are catechized by the Rector, on the first Sunday afternoon in each month, "*openly in the Church*," as the rubric directs; and he is happy to say that a large proportion of the congregation attend, and evince a deep interest in this most useful exercise.

The Rectors of St. Peter's and Christ Churches, officiate alternately at Christ Church Hospital, where there are about forty aged indigent females, supported by that charity.

A similar plan of quarterly collections, to that introduced with so much success in St. Peter's Church, has been adopted by the vestry of this parish. From the three collections already made, amounting to $1146,12, we are encouraged to hope that the plan will prove a most efficient and useful one. The amount thus contributed, has been disbursed as follows, viz: to Sunday Schools, $285,29, Advancement Society $265; Domestic missions, $202; Foreign missions, $88; Philadelphia Bible Society, $25; Female Prayer Book Society, $25; Bishop White Prayer Book Society $75,80; General Theological Seminary, $180.

The Ladies' Missionary Association of Christ Church, have continued their useful labors, with about the same result as in former years. Of the $511,91, received by them this year, they have appropriated $250, to the support of a Missionary at Boonville, Missouri; $50 to the Advancement Society, to constitute the Rector of Christ Church, a patron to that Society, and $160 to aid poor churches, besides making other equally judicious appropriations.

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants, 16; confirmed, 2; communicants, removed, 2; present number, 15; Sunday school, male teachers, 3; female teachers, 5; children, about 100.

The difficulties of building up the Church in the suburbs of a large city, are greater than those attendant on a similar undertaking in the country, or the central parts of the metropolis. It is a subject of thankfulness to God, that the congregations are so good, when they have presented to them, every

Lord's day, the evil example of hundreds of citizens, apparently respectable, passing by the Church to the Girard College, or to the grounds by which the Church is pleasantly surrounded.

It is a painful circumstance, connected with the Church, that there are so many removals. The population of the village increases or decreases in proportion to the rigour or remission with which the public works in the neighbourhood are prosecuted. The congregations, in some measure, are affected by those mutations. Still, the Rector "can thank God, and take courage." The morning congregations are large, the evening not so much so. The number of communicants and of Sunday school children has increased.

A confirmation was held by the Bishop of the Diocese, last July, and although there were but few confirmed, the moral effect was imposing and impressive. A small but well selected library of books is attached to the Sunday school, and its volumes, which are of a highly devotional character, are read and appreciated, not only by the Sunday School children, but by their parents.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Phila.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 12; total, 20; congregation, families, about, 92; adults, about 400; average number of children, 180; total, 580; communicants, added, 12; died or removed, 2; present number, 102; public services, on Sundays, 106; other days, 46; total, 152; confirmed, 20; marriages, 7; burials, 18; children catechized, about 50; times, 7; bible class, 1; members, 20; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 84; female, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 105; total, schools, 2, teachers, 25; pupils, 189; collections, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in this Diocese, $12,25.

We still have ample grounds of gratitude to the Father of mercies, for the signs of spiritual improvement manifest, among a goodly number of those committed to our charge. Of the above number confirmed, twelve have since come forward to the communion for the first time. The temporal department of our Church, we regret to say, is not in that sound and healthy state it ought to be. The revenue, arising from pews, burying ground, and other sources, is barely sufficient to meet the current expenses. To alter this condition of things for the better, the vestry have very laudably determined, to make such an alteration in the internal arrange-

ment of the Church, as will render the sittings much more easy and comfortable—and also accommodate more persons than the present. It is, furthermore, their intention, when the alteration shall have been completed, to raise the tax on pews, which at present are at a very low rate. They design commencing their operations, as soon as they shall have in hand, say, $2000. From the success they have met with, and still expect to meet, they are encouraged to believe they will raise this sum by the first of July next.

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Report of the Rev. Geo. C. Drake, Missionary, Columbia county.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 13; total, 14; congregation, families, 47; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 73; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 45; total, 95; confirmed, 6; marriages, 5; burials, 13; children catechised, 18; times, 5; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 10, pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 50; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $4 63; missionary and other purposes, $57; total, $61 63.

The new building, of which mention was made in my last annual report, as having, then, its foundation laid, was consecrated on the 23d February last. The tower, however, remains as yet unfinished. This building is 42 by 58, besides the projection of the tower, one half its width in front, and the vestry room in the rear. There are on the floor, 56 pews, and a gallery in front that will accommodate 150 persons.

Christ Church, Jersey Town, Madison township.

Baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 23; public services, on Sundays, 20; other days, 12; total, 32; confirmed, 4, and 4 belonging to St. James' parish, Muncy; funerals, 1; collections, Convention Fund, $3 50; Missionary Society, $5 25; total, $8 75.

Orangeville.

Baptisms, infants, 4; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 11; other days, 1; total, 12.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.

Baptisms, infants, 8; communicants, present number, 14; public services, on Sundays, 12; other days, 8; total, 20; burials 1; Sunday school, 1; collections, $2 26.

In St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, the communion has been admi-

nistered 4 times, and once in addition, in private. At Christ Church, Jersey Town, twice, and at St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf, twice, and also once in private.

The young members of the Church, scattered over my missionary field, who have become able to learn, are taught "what a solemn vow, promise, and profession" they made in baptism, at their houses, (as the opportunity is offered,) out of the Church Catechism.

Services—as well baptism and administering the communion, as preaching—have been performed at St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, which will be stated, I suppose, in their report. In all, 14 public services have been held, in addition to those specifically enumerated.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Durachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; children, 50; total, 52; marriages, 15; burials, 24; communicants, added, 40; present number, about 230; public services, on Sundays, 112; other days, 25; total, 137.

The children are catechised once a month in the Sunday school; and publickly in the Church every Sunday afternoon in Lent.

In consequence of a serious and painful injury I sustained last winter from a fall, I was compelled to suspend the Bible class, and to omit most of my extra services, and many other duties. I still pursue the plan of having divine service and a lecture on all the holydays appointed by the Church; and find the benefits of this arrangement very great.

Contributions, Episcopal Fund, $88 63; Soc. for Advancement of Christianity, $166 57; Convention Fund, $35 93; other purposes, not ascertained.

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Report of the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York county.

Baptisms, infants, 7; communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 28; public services, on Sundays, 54; other days, 31; total, 85; confirmed, 3; marriages, 2, but neither of them in the town in which I reside; burials, 5; children catechised, 2; Sunday schools, male teachers, 3; pupils, about 30; female teachers, 7; pupils, about 40; total schools, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, about 70; collections, Convention Fund, $3 16; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $5; missionary and other purposes, $19 95½; total, $28 11½.

Report of the Rev. L. N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington county.

Christ Church, Fayette county.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 3; total, 8; congregation, families, 38; communicants, added, 14; died or removed, 5; present number, 46; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 64; total, 168; marriages, 5; burials, 11; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 25; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 35; total, schools, 2, teachers, 12: pupils 60: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $15: Convention Fund, $9 03: missionary and other purposes, $221: total, $245 03.

The state of this congregation is, in the highest degree, encouraging. It has increased in numbers, and also, there is reason to believe, in piety. The Lord has owned and blessed the ministry of his servant, whom he has placed over it in spiritual things, in such manner and measure, as to fill his heart with gratitude, and encourage him to make renewed and greater efforts to win souls to Christ. The utmost unanimity prevails in the congregation on all points connected with the welfare of this Church, in particular, and the interests of our Zion in general. There is, however, much room for improvement in its members as to Christian spirit and Christian effort. They have not already attained, nor are they already perfect. A vast field of Christian experience and action stretches before them, and is open for their cultivation and improvement. May Almighty God enable his unworthy servant so to preach Christ to them, and so to warn every man, and teach every man of them, in all wisdom, that he may be "pure from the blood of all men," and "present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Since the last Convention, the ladies have formed themselves into a Bible Society, auxiliary to "The Philadelphia Bible Society." They have already forwarded to the parent institution, nearly one hundred dollars. As they help to distribute the word of eternal life among those who are famishing for it, may they be abundantly blessed with its tried consolations, and its glorious and soul-cheering hopes. They have also a sewing society in active operation. A Missionary Society, formed on Bishop Doane's plan, two or three years since, still exists, and is flourishing.

St. Peters's Church, Pike Run, Washington county.

Of this Church the Rector can say nothing flattering, or even encouraging. It has undergone no change since the last Convention. Though a large congregation assembles when

services are held in the Church, yet owing to the infrequency of those services, they leave no impression that is lasting and salutary, upon the minds of the people. Indeed, so little do they appreciate the preached gospel, and so little are they influenced by its precepts, that they have even allowed their Clergyman to pay, in part, for the repairs of their Church, out of his own famished purse! If, however, they were more frequently fed with *food* for the soul, they would, perhaps, more willingly give *bread* for the body. *They* think so, at least. There are materials enough to constitute a large communion, could they only be wrought upon sufficiently, to be brought into the Church. All that the Rector could do, to effect this, he has done.

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Report of the Rev. Frederick Freeman, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 17: total, 19: communicants, added, 11: removed, 5: died, 3: present number, 34: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 5: total, 109: marriages, 6: burials, 31: children catechized, 93: Sunday school, male teachers, 8: female teachers, 10: total, teachers, 18: pupils, male, 106: female, 128: total, 234: collections, Episcopal Fund, $2: Society for the Advancement of Christianity $2: other purposes, amount not ascertained.

The fiscal derangements of the country, bearing hard, especially upon manufacturing places, have caused the population of this place to be more than usually fluctuating during the past year; but still the prospects of the Church here were never more encouraging than they have been during the past year, and are at this present time.

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Report of the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.

Baptisms, since, Oct. 15, adults, 1: infants, 22: total, 23: marriages, 3: Burials, 9; confirmations, 7: congregation, families, 55: total, about 250: communicants, Sept. 1837, 53: added since that period, 20: removed, 2: present number, 71: Sunday school, (male and female united,) 1: teachers, 17: pupils, 113: children catechized, 4 times: bible classes, 1: members, about 30; public services, on Sundays, 74, other days, 42: total, 116: contributions, for missionary and other purposes, exclusive of individual donations, since Sept. 1837, $117.

The Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish, August 1837. The Church had been for some months closed, and

the congregation scattered, and of course, at this period, were in a state comparatively enfeebled. I found that of the communicants registered for 1836, 15 had, from death, removal, or otherwise, ceased to be communicants—leaving the actual number, at the first communion after my arrival, at 53. Since my ministration in this Parish, twenty persons have joined our communion, many of whom it is gratifying to be enabled to say, are young persons, devoting the morning of life to the service of Him who gave it. It gives me great pleasure to add, that up to this date, the attendance at Church, has been steadily increasing: and that the manifest increased attention to religion in the congregation, combined with their present harmony of feeling and action, warrants the belief, that this prosperity will become permanent.

I have beside the usual Sunday services, generally lectured to the Congregation once in each week, and held a bible class, on every Friday evening. Questions upon the Sunday school lessons are then put in writing, and written answers returned by the members of the class upon the succeeding week, and read, commented upon, and explained.

The Sunday schools are in a flourishing condition, and such attention to religion in some of the pupils, as to warrant the belief, that the *good seed* there sown, is about to spring up and bear fruit.

In addition to my usual parochial duties, I have preached once at the Poor House of the Borough, where I have, at the request of the Commissioners of the Poor, consented occasionally to officiate.

I have also preached twice at Chamsbersburg, to large audiences, where I am convinced with little effort, a large congregation might be gathered.

The Rector desires to record his grateful sense of the marked liberality and kindness of his people to him and his family, that from their example, others may be quickened in preserving by attention and care, the sweet bond of affection, which should ever bind a Christian Pastor to a Christian people.

Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults, 9; infants 74; total, 83; confirmed, 21; communicants, present number 43; marriages 4; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days 1; total 3; children catechized, every Sunday at the

close of the Sunday school, by me; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 20; pupils, 196; female 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 150; infant school, 3 teachers; 160 infants: total, schools 3; teachers, 41; pupils, 506; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 10,74; total, $10,74.

This Church was opened on the twelfth of March 1837—pulpit supplied by the clergy of the city till the first of June, when I commenced officiating there. The congregation is somewhat fluctuating, but upon the whole, appears to increase. If a lot could be obtained, and a Church edifice erected for us, no doubt the congregation would ere long sustain public worship. There seems no lack of interest or effort in the various departments of the undertaking. More solicitous for the *character of the means*, than for the *result* itself, we so study *that*, that we may look up to God for *this*.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Chester county,

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 12: total, 13: communicants, died or removed, 1: present number, 31: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 6: total, 58: confirmed, 2: marriages, 1: burials, 3: children catechized, 55: times, 6; bible classes, 1: members, 15: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 50: total, schools 1; teachers, 7: pupils, 50: collections, Soc. Adv. Christianity, $7 65, total, $7 65.

Besides the regular services on Sundays in the Church, there is a weekly lecture held in a school house, which is generally well attended; and where the Lord has frequently met with, and blessed his people, while waiting before him, in the use of the means of grace. The Rector has also good reason to believe that his labours, in the bible class, have not been in vain, and that the seed he has there sown will, in due time, through the divine blessing, spring up and bear abundant fruit to the praise and glory of God. Though there has been no addition to our communion, during the last year, yet there has been an increased attendance upon our services, which, the Rector hopes, will result in the adding of many to the Church, of such as shall be saved.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester county.

Baptisms, infants, 3: communicants, added, 2: removed, 1: present number, 26: marriages, 2: confirmed, 6: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5,62½: missionary other purposes, $6,75: total, $11,37½.

This parish, though one of the oldest in the diocese, has

never as yet, had a Sunday school attached to it, nor is there much probability that it will have one for some time to come. The congregation are so scattered, and live at such a distance from the Church, that the children cannot attend school there. To remedy, as far as may be, this defect, the Rector avails himself of every opportunity of catechizing the children in Church, and also in my parochial visitations.

The Rector has not much to encourage him in the prospects of this congregation. The attendance upon our morning service, which is every other Sunday, is generally very good; but our afternoon service, which is also every other Sunday, is very poorly attended. Nothing but the promise of the Saviour to meet with his people, "when two or three are gathered together in his name," keeps the Rector from desponding, when he enters the Church, at the hour appointed for service, and finds but one here and there scattered over the Church. May God grant that the set time to favour this portion of his Zion, may soon come, when, by the outpouring of his Spirit, sinners shall be arrested to a sense of their danger, and be brought earnestly to enquire what they must do to be saved.

Report of the Rev. John F. Hoff, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and St. Stephen's Church, Thompsontown, Juniata county.

St. Mark's Church.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 10: total, 11: congregation, families, 22; communicants, added, 6; removed, 1; present number, 21; public services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 10; total, 50; confirmed, 6; Children catechised, frequently; Bible class, attendance from 15 to 30; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, male, 5; female, 10; scholars, average attendance, males, 30; females, 40; collections, Episcopal Fund, $5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $10; missionary and other purposes, $40; total, $55.

Since the last report, there has not been that marked improvement which is desirable. The Rector is happy to say, however, that so much fruit of his labor has appeared, as encourages him to greater exertion.

During the last half of the year, a monthly collection for the general objects of the Church, has been taken up, and the people urged to stated contributions. Thus far the system has worked even better than was anticipated. Efforts are in progress for liquidating a long standing claim against the

Church; and improvements with a view to preparing the basement of the Church for the accommodation of the Sunday school are nearly completed.

St. John's Church, Huntingdon.

This place has been visited regularly every four weeks; when I was last there, a contract for the erection of the contemplated Church, was not far from a conclusion. As with many other good things there is need of patience and steady effort in this case. I think I may say with truth, there is now every reasonable assurance that the building will go on.

St. Stephen's Church, Thompsontown.

In the above town I have preached every four weeks. The face of things is much the same as was presented in the last report.

Report of the Rev. William Hommann, Missionary for St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville, Berks county, and Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville.

Baptisms, infants, 10; communicants, added, 9; present number. 33; public services, on Sundays, 48; other days 29; adjacent places, 11; total 88; confirmed, 8; marriages, 2; burials, 3; children catechised, 30; times, 50; semi-monthly Bible classes, 1; members, various number; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, $2; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $5; missionary and other purposes, $14 44½; total, $21 44½.

Christ Church, Pottstown.

Congregation, families, 21; communicants, added, 2; left communion, 1; present number, 15; public services, on Sundays, 25; occasional, 3; total 28; confirmed, 2; marriages, 1; collections, $9 29, for Sunday school; for Gen. Theological Seminary, $2 50; missionary and other purposes, $12 44¾; total, 24 23¾.

The pastoral connexion between the Missionary and this congregation, was dissolved on the 12th of November, since which the Church has had no regular supply.

The parish of St. Gabriel's is in a very gratifying condition of spiritual and temporal prosperity, and it is to be hoped that those who have been recently added to this Church, will be of the number of those that shall be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. The congregation has manifested that disposition which deviseth liberal things, and among those designs

which have been carried into execution, may be mentioned the erection of a convenient barn for the use of the Pastor. Services are held once every Sunday, and once during the week: also, on every appointed festival and fast, the Church is opened for divine service. God grant that the means of grace which He has ordained, may prove a "savour of life unto life," to all who attend upon them through the riches of his mercy in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

The writer is detained from the Convention by sickness.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Missionray, of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

Congregation, families, 10; adults, 100; children, 50; total, 150; baptisms, infants, 9: total, 9: communicants, added, 8: died or removed, 1: present number, 23: marriages, 2: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 70: other days, 10: total, 80: children catechised, 50: times, 10: Sunday schools, male 1: teachers, 6: pupils, 50: female, 1: teachers, 10: pupils, 60: total schools, 2: teachers, 16: pupils, 110: collections, Convention Fund, $5: Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $5: missionary and other purposes, $5: total, 15.

It was very confidently expected that the Church would have been entirely finished during the past year. But the great commercial embarrassments, so general in our country, have been very severely felt in this place, the population of which is exclusively employed in manufactories. All the mills have either suspended, or very much diminished their operations, in consequence of which there have been no means among ourselves to carry out the design of completing the Church edifice, and the general depression has deterred us from making application elsewhere.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Missionary, of St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, Armstrong county, and St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong county.

St. Michael's Church, Wayne township.

Baptisms, infants, 9: congregation, families, 26: adults, 82: children, 64: total, 146: communicants, added, 16: present number, 41: public services, on Sundays, 17: other days, 7: total, 24: marriages, 1: Sunday schools, male teachers, 6: pupils, 20: female teachers, 2: pupils, 15: total, schools, 1: teachers, 8: pupils, 35.

St. Paul's Church, Kittanning.

Congregation, families, 35: adults, 90: children, 80: total, 170: communicants, added, 3: died or removed, 3: present number, 22: public services, on Sundays, 43: other days, 5: total, 48: marriages, 1: children catechised, 5 times: Bible classes, 1: members, 30: Sunday schools, male teachers, 4: pupils, 7: female teachers, 4: pupils, 23: total, schools, 1: teachers, 8: pupils, 30: collections, missionary and other purposes, $13 63.

In addition to the foregoing, I have to report that I held service and preached on the 8th of October last, in a private house in Red Bank township, where, after service, I baptised *three infants.* By appointment, I again held service on the 26th of November in this township, preached, and administered the Lord's supper to *twelve persons,* in a large building used as a place of worship by Lutherans and Presbyterians. I shall endeavor to preach occasionally in this thriving settlement during the summer, having been strongly urged to do so, and I look forward, under the divine blessing, to the planting of our Church in a field where her solemn services are much desired, and apparently much needed.

Finding the charge of four congregations, so widely apart, too laborious, and also with a view to the spiritual improvement of each by more frequent services than I could possibly give, I resigned the pastoral care of the two parishes west of the Allegheny river, (St. Peter's, Butler, and Trinity parish, Freeport,) on the first of September last, and have since confined my attention to St. Paul's, Kittanning, and St. Michael's, Wayne township. Since my last report to the Bishop, and up to the first September last, divine service had been celebrated 13 times in St. Peter's, Butler, and 5 communicants were added. In Freeport 14 public services were held, 4 communicants added, 1 removed by death, and 1 infant baptised.

My health has become much impaired, which will account for the fewness of public services at St. Paul's and St. Michael's. But notwithstanding this, and my being obliged to attend to the fatiguing duties of a school as a means of support, I shall still persevere in my sacred calling, leaving it to the Lord to determine the continuance of my poor services in his vineyard.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, recently Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James' Church, West Marlborough; now Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and Grace Church, Hulmeville, Missionary.

Before the late Rector of the two first mentioned Churches, in Chester county, took charge of the two last mentioned in Bucks county, which commenced about the latter end of May last, he continued to officiate in the Parishes of the former; baptizing one infant, and having a collection taken up for the Convention Fund, at St. John's, amounting to $3,42, and leaving both Churches in good order, and, with the exception of what was due to himself, entirely out of debt. Since he became Rector of St. Andrew's and Grace Church, he has officiated 47 times on Sundays, in the Parish of the former, and 12 times on other days; and in that of the latter, 62 times on Sundays, and 5 times on other days. These Churches, which owe their origin, under our Great Head, to the exertions of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, are yet in an infant state, none as yet having been baptized in either. The Lord's Supper was administered by the Rector, for the first time in each, last autumn, with the exception of three Communicants which have been added at Hulmeville, to persons from Churches in the vicinity, and he has buried one person in the grave yard at St. Andrew's, the first interment in these Parishes. Collections, for parochial purposes, which the furnisher of this report has not been able to ascertain, have been taken up in these Churches, as also for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and for the Convention Fund. While it may not be necessary to state that these Churches were consecrated to the service of the Most High in July last, it may be interesting to mention, that an amount of debt, but little short of 300 dollars has been paid off, since that period, at St. Andrew's Church, and that through the exertions of a few individuals, each has been considerably improved, and that a few gentlemen belonging to St. Andrew's, have voluntarily raised the means, and purchased a bell for their Church, and are now making efforts to raise a tower or steeple for its reception. A Sunday School conducted on the principles of the Episcopal Sunday School Union, has been established in each Church, and although there has not, as yet, been that regularity in the attendance that could be desired, yet are there, at this time, the names of 14 teachers, 5 male, and 9 females, and 98 scholars, 45 male, and 53 female, in that at Hulmeville; 8 teachers, and upwards of 60 scholars in that at Yard-

leyville. A good choir has been formed at St. Andrew's; and the ladies of Grace Church and its vicinity, are making efforts to procure the means of purchasing an organ for their Church.

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Report of the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

Marriages, 4; baptisms, 9; catechumens, 12; communicants, 10.

The prospects of St. Paul's are decidedly better at the present time, than at any former period. Having obtained a local habitation and a name, the members are beginning to feel that unity and zeal, which are generally consequent on such an event. The church is finished and waits your convenience for consecration.

As an apology for omitting the prescribed collection, the Rector begs leave respectfully to state, that the Church was erected expressly for the benefit of families living on the Eastern borders of Pittsburgh, who are in very straightened circumstances; that although he officiates gratuitously, and the pews have been sold so low, that their proceeds have not covered one half of the expenses of building, yet it is difficult for the Congregation to meet even the necessary expenses of keeping the Church open, while the vestry are still in debt for the erection of the edifice, three or four hundred dollars. Under these circumstances, it is our duty to apply our funds to meet our own wants. In the course of a few years, the congregation of St. Paul's will, in proportion to their means, be as liberal, I doubt not, as any other congregation. In the mean time, collections for general purposes, would be a mere affectation of liberality.

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Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county.

Baptisms, infants, 2: total, 2; congregation, families, 38; adults, 116; children, 60; total, 176; communicants, added 6; died or removed 1; present number, 73; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 3; total, 53; confirmed, 7; marriages, 5; burials, 6; bible classes, 1; members, 10; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 19; female, 1; teachers, 4: pupils, 20; total schools, 2; teachers, 7; pupils, 39; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2; missionary and other purposes, $31,50; total, $33,50.

St. Andrew's Church has had its difficulties to contend with. For a long time a storm has been gathering over this place,

threatening to pour all its contents upon the Church; but it still stands, and as we trust, upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the corner stone. And although some clouds and darkness are yet visible, still the prospect grows brighter and brighter. At no time, for several years past, has the Church been in a more prosperous condition than at the present. Already some difficulties have been adjusted; others, it is hoped will soon be settled or left behind, for the sake of the Christian's prize which is before.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county.

Baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 21; public services, on Sundays and other days, 49; confirmed, 4; burials, 2.

It will be difficult for a Sunday school to flourish here or at Springville, unless supplied with a Sunday School library. At the latter place, the congregation is somewhat numerous for the country, but still it possesses but very little pecuniary power. At Pike, the Church is not weakened by division, nor very strong by union. It is too remote from the centre of the population to be easy of access to a large congregation. According to what they have, the friends of the Church are liberal in its support. Whether they will be able to secure clerical services the present year, remains to be ascertained after the Convention. Some of the principal supporters of the Church, are now labouring under heavy pecuniary embarrassments.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie county, and Trinity Church, Rockville, Crawford county, Missionary.

St. Peter's Church, Waterford.

Baptisms, infants, 5; communicants, withdrawn, 2; added, 3; present number, 20; congregation, families, 18; adults, 50; children, 29; total, 79; public services, on Sundays, 58; other days, 13; total 71; Sunday school still connected with the Presbyterian school; children catechised, about 8; times, 15; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $2 50; Society Adv. of Christianity, $2 75; Convention Fund, $2 79; other purposes, $11 42; total, $19 61.

Three of the above Sunday services, and two of the other were by the Rev. B. Glover, of Erie, since deceased; and two of the Sunday, and four of the others, by the Rev. Thomas

Crumpton, of Meadville. I have also officiated in other places, on Sundays, eleven times, and on other days 3, total, 14. The three additions to the communion were from other places, and had communed before.

Trinity Church, Rockville.

Communicants, withdrawn, 1; died, 1; added, 1; present number, 7; congregation, families, 7; adults, 24; children, 24; total, 48; bible class, 1; burials, 1; Sunday schools, 1; children catechized in the Sunday school; collections, Convention Fund, 50 cts; other purposes, $7 70; total, $8 20.

I also attended one funeral in Erie, Erie county, that of the Rev. Bennet Glover, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in that place. He died calmly and peacefully, on Sunday the 25th of March.

Report of the Rev. Alfred Lodderback, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Columbia county, and St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

Christ Church, Danville.

Congregation, families, 12; adults, 25; children, 25; total in attendance, about 120; baptisms, infants, 2; communicants, 8; none added; marriages, 1; burials, 6; public services, 2 each Sabbath; Sunday school, male teachers, 2; female, 4; pupils, about 40. No collections but for the immediate wants of the Church, have been made. The prospects of usefulness and increase in this parish are encouraging.

St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 60; children, 30; total in attendance, 130; baptisms, 1; communicants, 12; added, none; marriages, 1; burials, 2; public services, 2 each Sunday, and 3 services every fourth Sunday; Sunday school, male teachers, 3; female teachers, 4; pupils, about 45.

The church here is increasing, and with faithful labour, will no doubt, in a few years, be in a flourishing condition. I have several places near Danville, where I preach on the week day evenings, and occasionally on the Sunday afternoon. From the short time that I have had charge of the parishes, I have not been able to obtain such information as would enable me to make a full report.

Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 24; total, 31; communicants, added, 43; died or removed, 43; present number, 450; public services, Sundays, 104; other days, 54; total, 158; confirmed, 34; marriages, 7; burials, 15; Bible classes, 3; members, 95; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 16; pupils, 175; female, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 276; total, schools, 4; teachers, 40; pupils, 451; collections, Episcopal Fund, $13 90; missionary and other purposes, $1286 10; total, $1300.

The word of God is heard by the people with serious attention, and though there has been no extraordinary evidence of divine favor to this Church during the year, yet it is believed that there has been the usual spirit of prayer, and that some souls have been born into the kingdom of Heaven. When the preaching of "Christ crucified" is welcomed by a people, which is believed to be the case of this Church, it may be presumed that the work of the holy spirit is not unknown amongst them.

Report of the Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny borough, and Missionary, &c.

The undersigned commenced his services in this parish as a lay reader, on the 14th of May, 1837, and continued to officiate statedly in that capacity, until his ordination as Deacon on the 4th of March, 1838. He was then chosen Rector of the parish, and immediately entered on the duties of his office.

The following is his parochial report since his acceptance of the rectorship. Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 17; total, 18; congregation, families, 33; adults, 55; children, 66; total, 121; communicants, died or removed, 6; present number, 36; Sunday schools, 2; infant school, teacher, 1; pupils, 23; boys and girls, 1; superintendant, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 80; public services since ordination, 15 times.

Having so recently taken charge of the parish, I forbear to enlarge either on its spiritual or temporal state or necessities.

Report of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

Congregation, families, 60; adults, 130; children about 90; total, 220; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 11; total, 14, from the 1st of January; previous to which, per record, infants, 16;

making, total, 30; confirmed, 6; communicants, added, 7; removed, 3; present number, 23; marriages, 6, per record previous to January 1st, 1838; burials 10, since January, and previous, 21; total 31; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 1; total, 23; Children catechised, 100; times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 88; female, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 112; total, schools, 2; teachers, 28; pupils, 200; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $11 48; other collections have been necessarily omitted during the past year.

This parish was without a Rector for three months, from October 7, 1837, during which, divine services were performed on several occasions by clergymen whom the vestry invited, until the election of the pastor. The present minister commenced his duties on the first Sunday in January, but was obliged to suspend them on account of sickness, for a period of six weeks in the months of February and March; during which interval, the Church was opened for divine worship on two Sundays; one being the visitation of our Diocesan, when confirmation was administered, the other, when a minister from another parish was present with us.

Having been enabled, through a kind providence, to resume my duties in March, the regular services have been performed as above reported, and the present aspect of our parish is encouraging. The Church edifice can only accommodate a small congregation, and it is probable that a larger one could be collected, if the liberality of the community and its friends would supply the means for the erection of a more commodious building. Our desire is to have the temporal concerns of the parish in such a condition as to free it from the difficulty of debt, and it is hoped that this will soon be accomplished.

The peculiar character of the community in which this parish is located—being emphatically a *business* one—renders the difficulty of exerting a decided influence greater, perhaps, than in many others belonging to our Diocese, while, at the same time, the peculiar necessity of such an influence can no where be more distinctly seen and felt. Knowing, however, the power of Him who alone can bless the increase of a spiritual harvest, in any portion of his vineyard, and, depending on His promised strength in the faithful use of the means provided in his Church, we trust that there will be seen, in due season, fruits abounding to his glory.

Report of the Rev George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester county.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 1; total, 3; congregation, families, 65; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 65; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 14; total, 64; marriages, 6; burials, 6; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 30; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; total, schools 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; Collections, Convention Fund, $5; Episcopal Fund, $5 75; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $16; total, 26 75.

The congregation discovering the great inconvenience to which their minister was put, to procure a residence in the immediate vicinity of the Church, determined to make an effort to purchase a parsonage; accordingly the last year, a subscription was circulated among the congregation, and in a few weeks, fourteen hundred dollars were subscribed, a lot of ground containing thirteen acres, has been purchased, and a comfortable house erected. To accomplish this object, the vestry has been under the necessity of incurring a debt of about one thousand dollars, of which they hope to be relieved by the further contributions of the congregation and other generous individuals, who may be disposed to assist them in this important business.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 12; total, 14; congregation, families, 95; communicants, added, 2; present number, 47; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 12; total, 62; confirmed, 7; marriages, 2, burials, 1; collections, Episcopal Fund, $2; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $7; Convention Fund, $2; total, $11

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 17; total, 20; congregation, families, 37; adults, 104; children, 62; total, 168; communicants, added, 9; removed, 4; present number, 56; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 82; total, 186; confirmed, 6; marriages, 4; burials, 5; children catechized, 40; times, 10; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 50; female teachers, 17; pupils, 60; total schools, 2; teachers, 21; pupils, 110; collections, Episcopal Fund, $7; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $8; missionary and other purposes, $342; total, $357.

The plan of *Sunday offerings*, which was noticed in the last report, as having been introduced in the Parish, has not succeeded to the extent anticipated. We are however encouraged to continue it, in the expectation that a larger amount will be collected during the present year.

It is due to the congregation to state, that they have purchased a comfortable and convenient parsonage house, and that they have been liberal in their contributions in sustaining the Church. They also afford the principal support to a young gentleman in his theological course, at the General Seminary.

The sum of thirty-six dollars has been paid to the Board of Missions. This amount was contributed in part at the monthly Missionary meetings, and in part by the scholars of the Sunday School, the different classes of which have been recently formed into Missionary societies, with appropriate names of their own choosing. The plan is found to interest them in the subject of missions, and secure their mite to the cause. The sum collected at the Missionary meetings, would have been larger, had the collections been regular, during the year, but they had been discontinued after the introduction of the Sunday offerings, and were only resumed in February last.

The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition, and receives the constant supervision of the Rector.

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Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 26: total, 33: congregation, families, 160: adults and children, 600: communicants, added, 45: died or removed, 6; present number, 160: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 50: total, 154: confirmed, 31: marriages, 7: burials, 4: children catechized, 6: times, 6; bible classes, 1: members, 16: Sunday schools, male, 1: pupils, 53: female, 2: pupils, 107: total, schools, 3: teachers, 30: pupils, 260; collections, Episcopal Fund, $122,75: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $200: missionary and other purposes, $2018,60: total, $2341,35.

The general condition of the congregation has improved much during the last twelve months. The Sunday schools are more numerously attended, the collections larger, and the attendance both on Sundays and lecture days, greatly improved. Most of those who have joined the communion, were added during the season of Lent.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Natt, Deacon, Missionary, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre county.

Congregation, families, 18: adults, 36: children, 43: total, 79: baptisms, infants, 9: total, 9: communicants, present number, 2: marriages, 1: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 60: on other days, 6: total, 66: children catechized, 25: times, 3: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, male, 3: female, 5: pupils, male, 32: female, 41: total, teachers, 8: pupils, 73.

The present minister assumed the charge of this Parish, on the 11th Aug. 1837. His report furnishes a view of its condition, only since that time. The Church edifice, which was commenced under his predecessor, was consecrated on the 4th of May. The state of feeling among the people of his charge is such, as to call for gratitude, and to encourage hope. While on the part of many others, favorable opinions and kind feelings have taken the place of these prejudices, which were formerly entertained against the Church. Nineteen of the public services mentioned in the preceding report, were performed at places in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

Report of the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, Missionary of St. John's Church, New London Township, Chester Co., Pa.

From the time of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Kirke from his charge in Chester county, this church remained without the usual ministrations, up to the 8th day of October, 1837. On that day it was re-opened, and the services revived, by the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, as a missionary, by appointment from the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Pennsylvania.

The Missionary is enabled to give only the forenoon of every other Sunday to this church, in consequence of other engagements. The attendance of the congregation is regular, and respectable in number; (one of the many good results of the Rev. Mr. Kirke's faithful labours.)

Average number of congregation, from 80 to 120; number of communicants, about 25, as near as the missionary has any data upon which to make an estimate. He being only Deacon, has been able to have the communion administered but once since October, by exchange with a brother clergyman of the requisite order.

Baptisms, 1 infant; Sunday school, not so flourishing, as is much to be desired. The officiating clergyman resides so far off, and is so incessantly engaged in other duties, as to pre-

vent his bestowing upon this institution the care he could wish, and which it needs. The library collected by the Rev. Mr. Kirke is good, and notwithstanding the hindrances, the hope is cherished that good may be accomplished through the Sunday school during the milder season of the year which is at hand. The missionary contributions of the congregation can be but small—they being a worthy, but a poor people. It is the purpose and prayer, however, of the missionary now labouring among them, to engage their hearts and efforts in this great work of the church.

The church at the Old Grove, in West Marlborough Township, Chester county, is also under the charge of the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, missionary. It is impracticable yet, to have it organized formally; the congregation being mostly composed of persons who have been accustomed to the worship of other denominations, and who have become indifferent almost as to all religion. There are, however, a few individuals who take interest in the welfare of this church, as a church; and a few others, who without knowing much of the church, are anxious to be fed from the Gospel with the bread of life. The services are held in this church by the missionary on the afternoon of those Sundays on the mornings of which he officiates at St. John's Church, New London. The congregation averages from 30 perhaps to 80. Number of communicants, 3; no Sunday school, and as yet no missionary efforts.

Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol.

Baptisms, 9; marriages, 11; burials, 7; Sunday schools, 2, scholars, 90; teachers, 10; collections for missionary and other purposes, $100; present number of communicants, 53; added to the communion, 16; services on the Sabbath, 104; services on other occasions, 95.

Nothing of special interest has occurred in this church during the year. We have waited upon the Lord in the way of his appointment, and our hearts have been encouraged.

Report of the Rev. C. E. Plessants, Rector of St. Paul's and St. Mark's Churches, in Montrose and New Milford, Susquehanna County.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 2; total, 4; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 3; present number, 40; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 86; other days, 4; total, 84; children cate-

chized, 30; times, 6; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 7; pupils, 30; female, 2; teachers, 10; pupils, 40; total schools, 4; teachers, 17; pupils, 70; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $16 25.

The Rector of these churches, entered upon his charge in the middle of last September. The present report is of course therefore measurably deficient.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Rees, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 6; total, 12; communicants, added, 10; died or removed, 3; present number, 67; public services, on Sundays, 52; on other days, 9; and in other parishes, 25; total, 86; marriages, 7; burials, 4; children catechized, 11; times, 7; Bible class, 1; members, 13; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 2; female teachers, 3; total, 5; male pupils 12; female pupils, 13; total, 25; collections, Episcopal Fund, $2 50; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10 20; Convention Fund, $3 67; Missionary and other purposes, $55 70; total, $72 07.

Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families, 40; adults, 100; children, 100; total, 200; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total 6; communicants, added, 4; present number, 44; marriages, 3, burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 60; other days, 3; total, 63; children catechized, 15; times, 10; Sunday schools, male teachers, 2; pupils, 52; female teachers, 12; pupils, 49; total teachers, 14; pupils, 101; collection, Missionary and other purposes, $30.

The Rector of this congregation is sorry to report that in consequence of a protracted illness last fall, the Bible class having necessarily been suspended for a considerable time, he has found it hitherto impracticable to re-assemble it. His distance from Norristown renders it difficult for him to pay that close attention to the interests of the church which would tend to promote its welfare; but should arrangements be made (which he believes are contemplated) to secure the exclusive services of a clergyman, there are abundance of excellent materials to promote a more rapid and permanent success to the interests of our beloved Zion in Norristown.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgley, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 8; total 9; communicants, added, 6; died, 1; present number, 17; confirmed 6; marriages, 1; Sunday school teachers, 8; pupils, 50.

The prospects of this congregation are encouraging, both in respect to its spiritual and temporal concerns. It has been much embarrassed by a debt of about $1500, part of the cost of building. By the liberality of a few individuals belonging to the parish, a subscription of $1300 has been raised, the payment of which is contingent upon making up the whole amount within three months.

The church at Yardleyville, has since the last report been committed to the care of another clergyman, who also takes charge of the one at Hulmeville.

A new church is under contract at Attleboro, which will probably be built during the summer. The probability of getting up a good congregation at this place is greatly increased by the establishment of the Attleboro High School, an Institution that needs only to be known, to command the patronage and approbation of the Church. It is decidedly Episcopal in its character, and is worthy of all confidence.

A subscription of nearly 1000 dollars, has been raised towards the erection of a church at Taylorsville, an interesting position, at which Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, just before the decisive battle of Trenton. If we can succeed in erecting a little *Monumental Church* at this point, it will be an appropriate expression of our gratitude to HIM whose gracious providence crowned our Revolutionary struggle with success. It will be particularly interesting as being attached to *that denomination* with which Washington himself was in full and devout communion. The neighbourhood is very destitute of religious privileges. The above subscription is all that they can do. Will not both patriotism and piety, secure for them assistance from abroad?

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Baptisms, adults, 7; children, 16; total, 23; marriages, 5; burials, 6; communicants, died and removed, 7; added, 13; total, 42; families, about 50, comprising of adults and children, 200; services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 3; total,

107; Sunday school, 1; number of scholars, 75; teachers, 10; collected for various objects, about $200, most of which sum was expended upon the Church, and a part specially devoted to the perpetual and adequate insurance of the Church building and furniture. The Sunday school has been faithfully and efficiently conducted by those having charge thereof, and the general condition of the Church, the Rector is happy to say, is prosperous.

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Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Missionary, of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 15; total, 18; communicants, added, 6; died or removed, 2; present number, about 74; public services, on Sundays, 112; other days, 14; total, 126; confirmed, 7; marriages, 4; burials, 9; children catechised, 15; times, 24; collections, Episcopal Fund, $5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $12 50; missionary and other purposes, $27 50; total, $45.

Our congregation is gradually increasing, and I have the pleasure of reporting to the Bishop that the Church at Easton is now able to sustain itself without the aid from the Missionary Society; we therefore shall give it up at the end of the present quarter, with many thanks that it has been continued to us so long. Since July last I have preached regularly every fourth Sunday at Allentown, Lehigh county, to a respectable and attentive audience. In December, a congregation was organized by the name of St. Paul's Church. If a missionary could be stationed to preach alternately at Allentown and Mauch Chunk, I have no doubt of the Church being soon built up in both those places; but if they cannot be supplied with the services of a missionary, the good beginnings now made will be lost to the Church; for how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach unless they be sent? These are examples among many others, of our wants at home among our own household. Since my last report, I have spent two Sundays at Mauch Chunk.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 10; total, 11; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 13; present number, 37; marriages, 13; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays,

104; other days not enumerated; children catechised on different Sundays in June; Sunday schools, 3, under female superintendents; teachers, 12; pupils, 120; collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 39; Soc. Adv. Christianity, $7 35; General Missionary Society, $4 71; Convention Fund, $4 77; General Theological Seminary, $14; Parish Library, $9 40; for additional Church lots in Frankford, and enlargement of lecture and Sunday school room, $617 89½; total, $661 51½.

Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Borough of Muncy, Lycoming county.

Congregation, families, 39; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 27; total, 33; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 4; present number, 48; marriages 4; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 82; a weekly lecture; children catechised in the Sunday school; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 3; pupils, 30; female teachers, 4; pupils, 26; total, teachers, 7; pupils, 56; Bible classes, 2; members, 12; collections, Episcopal Fund, $1 61; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $7 50; missionary and other purposes, $14 50.

The number of the congregation has greatly increased since the last report. Not so many of other denominations have attended, but some who had not attended any congregation regularly, have now taken seats in the Church, and attend regularly.

The debt of the Church is now reduced to a hundred and forty-five dollars; and there is enough subscribed to liquidate the whole.

Since my last report, I have preached at Milton, once; at Williamsport, twice; at Hughesburg, three times.

In Derry township, Columbia county, about eight miles from Muncy, there seems to be an opening for the services of our Church. It is presumed that a congregation will, in time, be raised there. I have preached there four times since my last report.

When I review the last year, I can see much reason to mourn that more has not been accomplished; yet, I see much reason to bless the Lord for what has been done.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

Congregation, families, from 50 to 60; baptisms, infants, 7; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 4;

present number, 62; marriages, 6; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 102; other days, 48; total, 150; children catechized, frequently in Sunday school; total schools, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 80; collections, Episcopal fund, $4,86; Convention fund, $5: missionary and other purposes, $580; total, $589,86.

Funds to a considerable amount have been contributed for missionary purposes, by individuals in the congregation, which have not passed through the congregational channel, and consequently are not included in any of the above collections. The only remaining debt of the congregation, viz: that due on the lot upon which the Church is erected, has been paid off during the past year, so that the property is now fairly in the hands of the vestry, and the congregation entirely out of debt. The attendance at public worship is also decidedly better and more regular, than at any former period. But at the same time, the rector is constrained to acknowledge, that he has not witnessed, during the past year, any very encouraging evidences of spiritual improvement—indeed, he fears it has not kept pace with the improvement in temporal things.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 200: adults, 470: children, 450: total, 920: baptisms, adults, 14: infants, 38: total, 52: confirmed, 49: communicants, added, 70: died or removed, 8: present number, 263: marriages, 12: burials, 12: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 60: total, 164: children catechized, the entire school, 12 times: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 22: pupils, 162: female, 1: teachers, 16: pupils, 173; total schools, 2: teachers, 38: pupils, 325: bible classes, 4, members, 76: collections, Episcopal fund, $21,90: Convention fund, $40,86: Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $150: missionary and other purposes, $2764: total, $2975,86.

The Rector of this Parish has cause for continued and increased thankfulness to Almighty God, for the tokens of mercy and kindness which have been bestowed upon himself and his charge during another year. It has been a year of spiritual blessing, and calls for warm and devout gratitude.

A few weeks of the past year were spent by the Rector in Great Britain, during which time, he had the pleasure of occupying Episcopal Pulpits on several occasions; and was glad to witness the rapid growth of Evangelical truth, zeal and devotion in that venerable establishment, to which "the Church

in these States is indebted under God, for her first foundation, and a long continuance of nursery, care and protection."

Returning to his parochial duties in August last, the Rector has had the gratification of beholding the work of the Lord prospering in his hands. Many have been recently brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, and have taken upon them, the vows of the faith.

Our schools are greatly increased in the number of their pupils, and it is hoped in the efficacy and moral power of their agency.

Our different societies for feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and supporting the cause of Christianity, continue active in these works of faith and labours of love. Peace pervades the congregation, and the parish was never in so prosperous a condition in every respect, as at the present. "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be all the glory."

Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Delaware county.

Baptisms, adults, 28; infants, 22; total, 48; the Bishop is expected to visit the Churches, for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of confirmation, in July next; communicants, added, 32; died, 1; removed, 7; present number, 93, (as near as I have ascertained;) marriages, 6; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, morning, afternoon, and often at night; also, on Thursday nights, and on Christmas, Good Friday, &c.; Sunday schools, male teachers, &c. &c.; bible classes, 1, discontinued, owing to the removal of the Rector from the village of Chester: collections, Episcopal Fund, $10; other purposes, about $26, to be appropriated for such missionary objects, as the Bishop may deem advisable.

I have only to remark, that there appears to be a growing zeal for the cause of Christ, and the church which He planted. The Book of Common Prayer, has been purchased by all the new Communicants, who were not before supplied, so that the cause of Christ and His Church go hand in hand.

Report of the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington township, and of Christ Church Chapel, Petersburgh, (York Springs) Adams county.

Baptisms, infants, 8; adults, 1 by the Bishop, an intelligent old lady, of the Society of Friends; total, 9; congregation, families, 34; communicants, added, 3; present number, 33; mar-

riages, 5; burials, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 35; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 36; total, schools, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 71.

As I have been minute, in several preceding reports, in my account of these Churches, I deem it unnecessary to say more on this occasion, than that they continue much in the same state they are therein represented to be, with the exception of *realising* the advantages, we then anticipated, from the building of our chapel.

The collection for the Convention Fund has been made; for the Episcopal Fund, it shall be made and transmitted.

Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 200; baptisms, adults 11; infants 30; total, 41; confirmed, 48; communicants, added, 71; died, 1; present number, 297; marriages, 22; funerals, 7; children catechized, about, 400; times, 12; Sunday schools, male teachers, 21; scholars, 180; female teachers, 25; scholars, 256; total, teachers, 46; scholars, 436; collections, Episcopal fund, $54; missionary and other purposes, $4,256 71.

The last year has been a year of blessings and mercies to this Church; God has added unto it many, I trust, of such as shall be saved. Of the 71 communicants added, *fifty* approached the Lord's Table for the first time; among whom, were ten from our Sunday school. The 48 persons confirmed, make 163 who have thus made a public religious profession in this Church, within the last three years. Our religious services during the year, have been as usual; but they have been a source of gratification. The Lord has manifested his power among us continually, in the awakening of the careless, and in edifying his people in the faith. But among all our services, I have had peculiar reason to speak of the excellent influence of our services during the season of Lent. The daily meeting at 5 o'clock, P. M., has been numerously attended, and found exceedingly beneficial, by all who have attended. On four days in March, we had the privilege of continued services from several of the clergy who came in brotherly kindness, to help me in my work. Fourteen ambassadors for Christ were present with us during these four days, giving themselves to the word of God and prayer, and their message was made the power of God unto salvation, unto many souls. The benefit of such services in our case has been undoubted. God has

blessed them to the spiritual improvement of the congregation, and has increased by their influences, the attachment of our people to the Church. The services of the Bishop's visitation were also very valuable. His discourses and addresses were well adapted to build up and strengthen those whom he set apart, as the professed people of God. Of our missionary and other contributions, $1,250, have been given to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; $500 have been given to the support of clergymen in new churches in this Diocese. Goodness and mercy have followed us during the whole year. I am in the midst of an affectionate and kind people, who bear with my infirmities, and value my sincere, though imperfect labours for Christ sake, and I feel thankful that God has given me so goodly an heritage.

Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 60: total, 61: communicants, added, 22: died or removed, 45: present number, 275: marriages, 16: burials, 36: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 60: total, 164: children catechised on Sunday afternoon in the Sunday school: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 5: pupils, 87: female, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 132: total, schools 2; teachers, 12: pupils, 219: collections, Episcopal Fund, $29 53: Soc. Adv. Christianity, $100: Convention Fund, $20: missionary and other purposes, $274: total, $423 53.

The Rector of this parish has officiated once at Freeport, Armstrong county, and administered the holy communion; once at Butler, Butler county, and performed the same service; and three times in Christ Church, Allegheny Borough, on one of which occasions he administered the holy communion and baptised several children.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

Although suffering much, at times, from the physical disability alluded to in my preceding report, I have been enabled to preach *once* every Lord's day, excepting twelve, since the last Convention. About one half of these services were rendered to Churches in the city, temporarily deprived of the ministrations of their own pastors; the remainder to the following institutions: the Alms House, Eastern Penitentiary, House of Refuge, and Moyamensing Prison.

As Secretary of the "Board of Missions," I attended, in June last, the annual meeting of that body, in Baltimore, and discharged the duties of my office.

I have baptised six children, administered the Lord's supper once in public, and twice to dying persons, officiated at one funeral, and been much engaged in visiting the sick.

Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian.

He continued to hold service and preach on Sundays, alternately with the Rev. Mr. Crusé, at the Abbeville Institute, until the close of July, 1837, in the manner specified in the report of last year. After Mr. Crusé's removal from the Diocese, in September, Mr. Varian continued to hold service and preach every Sunday, at the Institute, until the close of October, since which time he has been prevented by ill health, from performing the ordinary duties of the ministry. On the 1st of April last, his connexion with the Abbeville Institute was dissolved, since which he has resided in Lancaster.

On Sunday, July 2, he held service, preached twice, and administered the holy communion, at Columbia, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Franklin, missionary at that place.

July 23d, read service and preached once at Margaretta Furnace, York county. September 3d, preached once at St. James' Church, Lancaster.

Report of the Rev. William White, Deacon and Missionary, of St. Peter's Church, Butler, and Trinity Church, Freeport.

St. Peter's Church, Butler.

Baptisms, infants, 5; congregation, families, 36; adults, 74; children, 57; total, 131; communicants, added, 2; present number, 51; public services, on Sundays, 34; other days, 3; total, 37.

Trinity Church, Freeport.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 2; total 3; congregation, families, 25; adults, 51; children, 43; total, 94; communicants, present number, 41; marriages, 1; burials, 1; public services, on Sunday, 32; other days, 2; total, 34.

In addition to the above, I baptised three children in Philadelphia, who are not entered in any parish register, and performed other occasional services, during the period intervening between my ordination in July, and the commencement of my labours at my present location.

Report of the Rev. E. W. Wiltbank, Deacon, Minister of St. John's, Concord; and the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

St. John's Church, Concord.

In this parish I have officiated since July, 1837. The services of the Church have been performed regularly every Sunday, with one exception, and on Christmas day; 2 have been baptized; 5 confirmed; 1 couple married; number of communicants, 40; of families, 30; collection for Convention Fund, $5.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

In this parish, I have officiated the same length of time; and performed the services of the Church, as at St. John's, Concord. When I commenced at this station, the prospects of the Church were discouraging. We could then only number 3 or 4 families; at the present time, however, I think we can calculate upon 15. The number of our congregation averages 150; in the Sunday school, we count 50 scholars, and 8 teachers; marriages, 2; deaths, 3.

The corner-stone of our church will be laid by the Bishop, on Monday, June 4th; towards the erection of which we have subscribed about $3000. The whole cost of the church and lot will be $4,690 00.

Owing to the limited time in which I have officiated at these parishes, my report is necessarily imperfect.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain of the U. S. Navy,

Reports, that by the orders of Government, and with the leave of absence for twelve months from his bishop, he left this city on the 17th April, 1837, for Boston, to join the U. S. ship Independence, on a cruise to Russia, and the coast of Brazil.

That he performed divine service and preached, the four Sundays during his stay at Boston, on board, to a crew of 700, including officers, men, and boys; sanctioned by the attendance of many of the ladies and gentlemen of that city—and that many of the Bostonians having become interested in the crew, united with the Commodore and officers in the plan of organizing a Sunday and Day-school for the instruction of the boys, more than fifty in number. Hence furnished with an outfit of all books and stationary necessary for the day school, and a new and complete Sunday school library of 400 vols.—300 prayer Books—50 Bibles—50 Testaments—50

Singing books, and innumerable tracts, he sailed on the 20th of May.

Through the sanction and support of his most excellent Commodore, J. B. Nicholson, (a good churchman and proper example,) the Chaplain considered himself very successful in establishing discipline, and in his general superintendance of the schools, both on Sundays and throughout the week. During the week he witnessed the regular advancement of the different classes, from spelling to geography, grammar, and navigation, while on Sundays, he would hear 40 or 50 of their voices following the Commodore and his officers, in the regular responses of our service, and in singing the praises of God. Divine service was regularly performed on every Sunday, and a sermon preached, the whole crew devoutly attending, it is hoped with salutary effects. More than two hundred had abandoned their noxious whiskey, with purposes of reform, during his services among them.

The Chaplain, however, in the midst of his labours, was seized with a violent affection of the cholera, and after four weeks confinement, was landed in England, with instructions to return to his own country, and report accordingly, to the proper authority. His return has been approved, and agreeably to orders he is enrolled at the Navy Yard at this place, waiting further orders. He thinks it proper to add, that during his station on board the Independence, he buried 1 sailor at Boston, 1 at Portsmouth, England; and 2 in the depth of the Baltic, and that since his return home he has performed divine service and preached six times in relief to his clerical brethren.

Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Kensington.

Congregation, families, 17; adults, 40; children, 30; total, 70; baptisms, infants, 26; confirmed, 9; communicants, added, 18; died or removed, 1; present number, 27; marriages, 3; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 88; total, 192; children catechized, 40; times, weekly, Sunday schools, male and female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 120; bible classes, 1; members, 25; collections, missionary and other purposes, $8 37.

In the early part of last fall, the vestry of this church deemed it advisable to commence the erection of a building for the accommodation of the congregation. For the purpose of

bringing the subject before the Episcopal public, a Circular was addressed to them in behalf of the enterprize. The corner stone was laid by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, on the 16th of October last. The address on the occasion was made by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, to a large congregation. The building has been in progress until the present time, and we are happy to be able to state, that it is expected to be ready for consecration to the service of Almighty God, on the 7th of June. It is a neat edifice, 38 by 50, with a recess of 5 by 16, and a tower in front 12 by 14, with a basement story. The whole is in Gothic order, and to be rough-cast. It is built by contract, for $4,600. $2,722 25 of this money has been paid into the treasury; leaving $1,800, yet to be collected. The ground, 92 feet front, by 101 feet deep, for which $3000 is to be paid, is at present on ground rent.

The congregation removed from the Commissioners' Hall, to the basement story of the church, on the 1st Sunday in January, where we are at present worshipping.

With regard to the spiritual interests of this church, we regret that we are not able to make as favourable a report as we could wish. This is owing in a great measure to the fact, that the Rector has been obliged "to leave the word of God, and serve tables." As we expect soon to be in the church, and a new impulse will hence be given to our operations, and the Rector will be able "to give himself continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word," we hope, by the Divine blessing, to experience a more encouraging state of things.

Report of C. H. Jones, Warden of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

This Church was organized in the spring of 1837. At the first communion on Easter Sunday, 1837, administered by the Rev. Dr. Lacey, there were 24 communicants. The services of the Church have been regularly maintained by lay reading and the occasional assistance of the clergy. The Rev. Charles H. Page took charge of the Church on the 5th of November, 1837, and remained for several months with much acceptance and usefulness. The last time the communion was administered, there were 60 communicants. There has been 1 funeral; 1 marriage; the baptisms are not known.

Report of St. James' Church, Evansburg, Montgomery county.

Congregation, families, 45; adults, 100; children, 150; total,

250; baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 8; total, 15; communicants, added, 22; died or removed 4; present number, 71; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 50; total, 100; Sunday schools, male teachers, 2; pupils, 30; female teachers, 6; pupils, 40; total, school, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 70; Bible class, 1; members, 35; collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 50; missionary and other purposes, $50; total, $55 50.

This congregation continues in a flourishing state. The Association held last winter was attended with the most blessed results, as the unusually large increase to the number of communicants exhibits. The greatest hindrance to a still further advancement is the limited size of the church; could this be removed by the enlargement of the present, or the erection of a new building, a considerable increase would undoubtedly result. O for more zeal and ardour to extend the walls of our Episcopal Zion!

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Report of W. H. Sayre, Warden of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 8; total, 15; confirmations, 8; communicants, added, 4; present number, 9; burial, 1; congregation, about 40 adults; public services, on Sundays, 16; other days, 2; total, 18; collection, Convention Fund, $5 67, remitted in May last.

In July last, the Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk visited us, performed divine service, and preached three times.

This congregation still continues without a Rector, and having had during the year no stated ministerial services, we, with much satisfaction, record the names of the following reverend gentlemen who have kindly and voluntarily extended their aid to us: The Rev. Geo. C. Drake officiated 9 times; Rev. J. M. Rogers, 4 times; Rev. C. E. Pleasants, 2 times.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ Church.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity Church, and St. Andrew's Church.*

*Admitted into the union at the Convention of 1838.

Alleghany—Christ Church.
Lawrenceville—St. John's Church.
Laceyville—St. Paul's Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's Church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's Church.
Reading—Christ Church.
Morgantown—St. Thomas' Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's Church.
Newtown—St. Luke's Church.
Yardleyville—St. Andrew's Church.
Hulmeville—Grace Church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's Church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity Church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's Church.
East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's Church.
Great Valley—St. Peter's Church.
Pequea township—St. John's Church.
West Whiteland township—St. Paul's Church.
West Wincent—St. Andrew's Church.
Honeybrook—St. Mark's Church.
West Chester—Church of Holy Trinity.*

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's Church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's Church.
Madison—Jerseytown—Christ Church.
Danville—Christ Church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ Church.
Rockville—Trinity Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's Church.

*Admitted into union at the Convention of 1838.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's Church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's Church.

Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's Church.

Concord township—St. John's Church.

Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's Church.

Rockdale—Calvary Church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's Church.

Waterford—St. Peter's Church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ Church.

Manalen—Grace Church.

Connelsville—Trinity Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's Church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's Church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' Church.

Leacock township—Christ Church.

Caernavon township, Churchtown—Bangor Church.

Marietta—Zion Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barre—St. Stephen's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James' Church.

MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's Church.

Thompsontown—St. Stephen's Church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' Church.

Perkiomen township—St. James' Church.

Norristown—St. John's Church.

Pottstown—Christ Church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity Church.

Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ Church.

Sunbury—St. Matthew's Church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, St. James' Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Grace Church, All Soul's Church, the Church of the Epiphany, and the Church of the Ascension.

Northern Liberties—St. John's Church.

Southwark—Trinity Church.

Francisville—St. Matthew's Church.

Lower Dublin township—All Saints Church.

Oxford township—Trinity Church.

Germantown—St. Luke's Church.

Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's Church.

Kensington—Emmanuel Church.

West Philadelphia—St. Mary's Church.

Manayunk—St. David's Church.

Spring Garden—Zion Church.

Moyamensing—All Saints Church.*

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's Church, and Trinity Church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's Church, and St. Andrew's Church.*

New Milford—St. Mark's Church.

Montrose—St. Paul's Church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's Church.

Venango Furnace—St. James' Church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike Run township—St. Peter's Church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburgh—Christ Church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's Church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas' (African) Church, not in union with the Convention. Total, 99.

*Admitted into the union at the Convention of 1838.

A LIST

Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY 15th, 1838.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary, at Georgetown, and other places in Beaver county.

The Rev. Frederick Beasly, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county; and Missionary.

The Rev. William Bryant, missionary, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D.D., rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, rector of Christ church, Philad.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg; and missionary at other places in Columbia co.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, rector of St. John's church, York; and missionary at Columbia, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownville, Fayette county, and missionary at Pike Run, Washington county.

The Rev. William Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland; and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. John F. Hoff, rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown; and missionary at Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and Thompsontown, Juniata co.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county, and missionary.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, missionary at Connelsville, Fayette county; and Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, missionary at Kittaning, and Glade Run, Armstrong county.

The Rev. George Kirke, missionary at Yardleyville, and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D.D., rector of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford co.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Waterford, Erie, county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Paul's church, Piladelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent; and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, rector of St. James church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor,) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen; and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery co.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, and missionary there, and at Allentown, Lehigh county.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, missionary at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county; and Milton, Northumberland co.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Taylor, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county, residing at Carlisle.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, Lancaster.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., Professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, rector of Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

LIST CONTINUED.

The Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, missionary at Rockdale, Delaware county.

The Rev. John W. Hoffman, teacher in the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, missionary at Danville, Columbia county; and Sunbury, Northumberland co.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Mitchell, M. D., deacon, rector of Christ church, Allegheny, Pittsburgh; and missionary.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, rector of Trinity church Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. George W. Natt, deacon, Missionary at Belle-Fonte, and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, rector of St. Paul's church, Montrose; and St. Mark's church, New Milford, Susquehanna county, and missionary.

The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester; and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. William White, deacon, missionary at Butler co.; and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, deacon, Rector of St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, deacon, officiating temporarily in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, Gray's Ferry, Assistant Minister of the Swedes' Churches.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Philadelphia, rector of the Swedes' churches.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé.

The Rev. William N. Diehl, Germantown, assistant minister of the Swedes' churches.

The Rev. William Douglass, (a colored man,) rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Dyce.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, deacon, officiating in the Congregation of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philad.

The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John W. McCullough, deacon.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, Harrisburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Philadelphia, Secretary to the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Thomas West, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.
The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The foregoing list, containing the names of eighty-five Clergymen, is corrected to this date.
In conformity with Canon xiv, Sect. 1.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philad. May 15th, 1838.

MEMORANDUM.

The fifty-one clergymen first named, are entitled to seats in the Convention on May 15th.
The Rev. Mr. Wiltberger is entitled to a seat on May 17th.
The Rev. Mr. Clemson is entitled to a seat on May 18th.
The eleven Clergymen first named in the 'List Continued,' will be entitled to seats in May 1839, or previously, if they remain in their respective stations, or take such others as are recognised by the Constitution. H. U. O.

The Rev. William N. Pendleton, deacon, of the Diocese of Delaware, is employed as Missionary at New London ⋈ Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester County.

1837			
May 11	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk account of Expenses in Episcopal visitations,		34 98
19	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their expenses in attending Convention, viz:		
	Rev. J. L. McKim,	$11 20	
	R. U. Morgan,	5 00	
	E. Y. Buchanan,	3 15	
	John Reynolds,	1 40	
	Thomas Crumpton,	35 00	
	S. T. Lord,	35 00	
	Wm. Adderly,	31 50	
	Wm. Hilton,	3 50	
	George Drake,	11 62	
	V. E. Thorne,	10 50	
	J. M. Rogers,	5 60	
	Isaac Smith,	11 55	
	Geo. Mintzer,	2 80	
	L. N. Freeman,	30 80	
	J. Kerr,	30 80	
	G. Kirke,	2 10	
	N. Stem,	7 70	
	Dr. Geo. Upfold,	28 00	
	Being 70 per cent of their actual expenses.		267 22
23	To cash paid G. D. Rumbaugh, services, &c. attending the Convention in St. Andrew's church,		20 56
Nov. 7	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in Episcopal visitations,		95 39
1838			
Jan. 15	To cash paid Jesper Harding's bill for printing notices,		8 50
26	To cash paid W. Hoyland's bill for attendance on Standing Committee, &c.		12 00
Feb. 8	To cash paid Dr. De Lancey's account of postage,		3 00
April 10	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in Episcopal visitations,		55 00
May 8	To cash paid Jesper Harding for printing Journal of Convention, &c. per bill of 7th Sept. 1837,		112 67
	To cash paid the Secretary of Convention for porterage and postage,		3 50
	Balance,		7 66
			$620 48

The above account has been examined by us and found correct.

PHILIP H. NICKLIN, } Committee.
H. W. DUCACHET, }

Philadelphia, May 8, 1838.

in Pennsylvania, in acc't with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1837		
May 9	By balance of former account,	76 13
13	By cash received of Christ church, Allegheny,	5 00
16	Christ church, Huntington, Adams co.	4 37½
	St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,	40 00
	St. Stephen's, Philadelphia,	64 63
17	St. Matthew's, Francisville,	5 00
	St. John's, Concord,	5 00
	St. Peter's, Butler,	5 00
	St. Thomas, Morgantown,	1 24
	Trinity, Oxford,	8 50
	Trinity, Easton,	5 00
	St. John's, New London ⋈ Roads,	3 42
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	6 40
	Calvary,	8 00
	St. James', Perkiomen,	3 93
	St. James', Muncey,	5 00
	St. John's, Concord, for arrears,	5 00
	St. James', Lancaster,	15 16
	St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk,	5 67
	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,	5 45
	St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf,	2 95
	Christ church, Jerseytown,	2 76
	St. John's Northern Liberties,	8 00
	St. David's, Radnor,	3 62
	Christ, Reading,	5 00
	St. Mary's, Hamilton,	5 00
	Christ, Meadville,	11 32
	St. Peter's, Waterford,	2 55
	Trinity, Rockdale,	1 45
	Georgetown,	1 25
	St. Paul's, Beaver,	2 62
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	4 60
	St. John's, Pequea,	3 38
	Christ, Leacock,	7 25
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,	5 00
	St. Paul's, West Whiteland,	5 34
	Dyberry, Wayne co.	5 00
18	Bangor church, Churchtown,	2 50
	St. Luke's, Germantown,	8 25
	St. John's, Norristown,	5 25
	All Saints', Lower Dublin,	6 00
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,	4 50
	Christ, Brownville,	10 94
	St. Peter's, Pike Run,	4 42
	Trinity church, Connellsville or Newhaven	5 00
	Christ church, Greensburg,	4 31
20	St. Paul's, Kittanning,	2 37½
29	Christ, Philadelphia,	55 00
1838		
April 4	Grace church, Philada. collection 25th ult.	40 86
11	Epiphany, do. do. 1837,	13 00
	Epiphany, do. do. 1838,	17 73
May 3	St. Peter's, do. do. 1838,	30 00
4	St. Stephen's, do. do. 1838,	35 36
7	Trinity, Southwark, do. 1838,	20 00
		$620 48
8	By balance,	7 66

Errors excepted.

TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Episcopal Fund in account with*

1837 June 1	To cash paid	William Davidson & Son, for $240 74 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock, a 100¼ per cent,	$241 94
1838 May 4		William Davidson & Son, for $100 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock, a 103½ per cent.	103 50
		Balance,	42
			$845 86
1837 Aug. 5	To amount paid to	the Right Reverend H. U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,	397 55
1838 Feb. 5		to the Right Reverend H. U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,	397 55
		Balance,	42
			$795 52

The undersigned, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and find the same correct. They have also examined the certificates of Stock in which the fund is invested, and found the sum amounts to sixteen thousand and two dollars four cents.

BENJAMIN DORR, } Committee.
TOBIAS WAGNER, }

Philadelphia, May 8, 1838.

Philip H. Nicklin, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1837			
May 16	By cash for collection in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, for 1837,		50 00
17	Trinity church, Easton,	$ 5 00	
	St. James' church, Perkiomen,	7 83	
	Trinity church, Oxford,	9 44	
	St. Mary's church, Chester co. 1836,	3 50	
	do. do. do. 1837,	3 03	
	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	5 31	
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	4 06	
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	1 40	
	St. David's church, Newtown, Radnor,	3 62	
	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	3 18	
	Christ's church, Reading,	10 00	
	St. John's church, New London,	2 22	
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	10 00	
	Dyberry Parish, Wayne co.	5 00	
	St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester co.	2 56	
	All Saints' church, Lower Dublin,	9 50	
	St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester co.	5 00	
	St. James' church, Lancaster,	42 67	
			133 32
20	Trinity church, Pittsburg,		26 50
29	Christ church, Philadelphia, collection made on Sunday, 21st inst.		55 30
1838			
April 11	Church of the Epiphany, received from L. R. Ashhurst, Warden thereof, being the collection for 1837,	$13 00	
	And collection for 1838,	44 04	
			57 04
10	Grace Church, Philadelphia, received from Geo. Clay, Warden,		21 90
27	St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, received by mail in a letter without signature,	$2 00	
	Less postage paid on do.	20	
			1 80
			$345 86
	By balance,		42
1837			
Aug. 5	Six months interest on State 5 per cents belonging to the Episcopal Fund,		397 55
1838			
Feb. 5	Six months interest on State 5 per cents belonging to the Episcopal Fund,		397 55
			$795 52
May 8	By balance in the hands of Treasurer,		42

PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

May 8, 1838.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Stock bought for the Episcopal Fund.

1837 June 2, $240 74 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1853 at $100½ per cent. $241 94
1838 May 4th, $100 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1853 at 103½ per cent. $103 50
Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale, James S. Smith, and Philip H. Nicklin, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.
Received payment, Wm. DAVIDSON & SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested in five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to sixteen thousand and two dollars and four cents. $16002 4

THOMAS HALE,
JOHN READ,
JAMES S. SMITH,
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Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

The following paragraph was added to the IVth Article of the Constitution, at the Convention of 1838.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But any such church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, accompanied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

The following addition was made to Canon IX, at the Convention of 1837.

Section VI. The standing committee shall, before the meeting of each annual Convention, prepare a report, to be submitted thereto, of every church, a member of this Convention, which, for three years, has made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and which, during the same period, has neither employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary.

The following Resolution was passed at the Convention of 1838.

Resolved, That a copy of this alteration of the Constitution, now finally approved of and adopted by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every church which has been admitted a member.

OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

IN PHILADELPHIA.

President of the Standing committee, Rev. George Boyd, Philadelphia.
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Secretary of the Pennsylvania Convention, Rev. Dr. Ducachet, 8 Girard Place.
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NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, on the third Tuesday of May, 1839, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET, *Secretary.*

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RESIDENCES OF THE CITY CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. resides in S. 13th street, east side, one door below Locust.
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. No. 92 Union street.
Rev. Charles H. Alden, No. 6 Portico Square, Spruce street, Principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies.
Rev. Thomas G. Allen, No. 14 Jefferson Row, Lombard street, west of 8th street, City Missionary.
Rev. N. T. Bent, at Mrs. Alihone's, South Fourth street.
Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's N. L. resides near the first turnpike gate, Frankford Road.
Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion Church, north 10th street, near Poplar Lane.
Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Church, resides near Gray's Ferry.
Rev. William Bryant, No. 1 North 11th street, Teacher and Missionary at Moyamensing.
Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, No. 33 Sansom street.
Rev. John C. Clay, Rector of the Swedish Church, resides in Sansom street, adjoining Weccacoe Church.
Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, resides in 11th street, first door below Lombard street.
Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, resides No. 146 Queen street.
Rev. Robert Davis, at south-east corner of 11th and Market streets.
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, resides in Arch street above Fourth.
Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, in Marshall street, near Green.
Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, No. 3 Girard Place.
Rev. Richard D. Hall, resides North 6th street, near Wood.
Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, next door to the U. S. Bank, in Library street.
Rev. William P. Hinds, Spruce street, near Broad.
Rev. Herman Hooker, north-west corner of Chesnut and 5th streets.
Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, No. 219 Spruce street.
Rev. Joseph Jaquett, No. 129 South 6th street, Teacher of Hebrew.
Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, absent in Europe.
Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, resides No. 121 South 9th street.
Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, south 4th street, one door below Walnut.
Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, resides No. 65 North 12th st.
Rev. James H. Tyng, No. 485 Chesnut street.
Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, No. 429 Walnut street, west of Broad street.
Rev. Peter Van Pelt, No. 315 Chesnut street.
Rev. Charles Williams, resides in Spruce street above Broad.
Rev. James Wilthank, No. 163 North Ninth street.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES ARE HELD

In St. Andrew's Church, on the *first* Sunday evening of every month.
In Grace Church, on the *second* Sunday evening.
In St. Stephen's Church, on the *third* Sunday evening.
In the Church of the Ascension on the *third* Sunday evening.
In the Church of the Epiphany, on the *last* Sunday evening, which is the fourth or fifth Sunday as it may be.
The Churches of Trinity, and of the Evangelists, and Zion Church, are open *every* Sunday night.

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WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D.
* Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D.D.
William Adderly,
Frederick W. Beasley,
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd,
Thomas Breintnall,
William Bryant,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
John A. Clark,
John B. Clemson,
John Coleman,
Thomas Crumpton,
Robert Davis,
Benjamin Dorr,
Jacob M. Douglass,
George C. Drake,
Henry W. Ducachet,
Walter E. Franklin,
Lyman N. Freeman,
* Patrick H. Greenleaf,
William Hilton,
* John J. Kerr,
* Bryan B. Killikelly,
Rev. George Kirke,
* William B. Lacey,
Freeman Lane,
Samuel T. Lord,
Alfred Louderback,
* James May,
* Tobias H. Michell,
Alfred A. Miller,
George Mintzer,
Richard U. Morgan,
Henry J. Morton,
George W. Natt,
William S. Perkins,
Greenbury W. Ridgely,
John Rodney,
Joshua M. Rogers,
George Sheets,
Isaac Smith,
William Suddards,
Mortimer R. Talbot,
Stephen H. Tyng,
George Upfold,
William White,
* Bird Wilson,
Edwin W. Wiltbank,
James Wiltbank, 51.

N. B. Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Wm. Alexander,
Lewis R. Ashhurst,
John W. Ashmead,
Fredk. D. Baker,
C. N. Bancker,
Jesse Bean,
Horace Binney,
Hill Brinton,
Clement Brook,
Thos. K. Bull,
Durden B. Carter,
Henry W. Chadwick,
Benj. Chew,
Herman Cope,
*Peter Dampman,
*Edward Davies,
Wm. Cox Ellis,
*Edward Evans,
*John C. Evans,
John Farr,
John D. George,
James Goodman,
Peter Gwinner,
Charles V. Hagner,
George Harrison,
R. C. Hale,
Thos. S. Henderson,
Robt. C. Hill,
*Robt. E. Hobart,
*James Hooven,
*E. P. Hughes,
John Hunter,
Martin Ivens,
Thomas B. Jacobs.
*Phineas Jenks,
Benjamin F. Johnson,
*Jno. Gifford Johnson,
James Johnson,
Jonathan Jones,
Jesse M. Justis,
Jas. C. Kempton,
John W. Kester,
Wm. Kirkham,
Wm. H. Klapp,
Lawrence S. Lardner,
*John Larkin, jr.,
G. W. Layng,
Wm. Letford,
John S. Littell,
George Lodge,
*Morton McMichael,
*Robt. McNeal,
Edwin Mendenhall,
Wm. Meredith,
*Benj. C. Mitchell,
*David Morgan,
*Abner Morris,
Wm. H. Newbold,
P. H. Nicklin,
Wm. Overington,
Richard Palmer,
Isaac B. Parker,
*Jas. Peacock,
John L. Phillips,
*Wm. B. Potts,
*Thos. H. Powers,
*Robt. Ralston,
Wm. Rawle,
Osmon Reed,
*Matthias S. Richards,
Henry Rhoads,
*Jacob Rue,
Wm. Robinson, jr.,
John P. Rutter,
*John W. Shafer,
*Saml. Shafer,
Abraham W. Sharples,
*James Sillyman, jr.,
F. G. Smith,
Levi B. Smith,
Richard Penn Smith,
*Richard S. Smith,

*Wade T. Smith,
Samuel Snelling,
Cornelius Stevenson,
Joseph L. Stichter,
Benj. Stiles,
Ed. J. Stiles,
Samuel Swift,
Zadoc Thomas,
Amos Vansant,
Tobias Wagner,
*E. Q. S. Waldron,
James Watkins,
Joseph Watson,
Wm. Welsh,
*Isaac S. Williams,
G. M. Wharton,
Thos. J. Wharton,
Peter Williamson,
Horace E. Wolf,
James Worth,
*John Zieber, 62.

N. B. The Lay Deputies who did not answer to their names are marked in the above List thus *.

Roll of Churches and their Deputies.

Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county. Richard S. Smith, John Gifford Johnson.

St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county. James S. Williams.

St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county. Phineas Jenks, Peter Gwinner, James Worth.

Epiphany church, city of Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, Caspar Morris, M. D.. Joseph Watson.

St. Andrew's church, city of Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thomas Robins, William Welsh.

St. Stephen's church, city of Philadelphia. Thomas I. Wharton, Charles N. Bancker, William Kirkham.

St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, Bucks county. Abner Morris, Amos Vansant.

Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia. Martin Ivens, Henry W. Chadwick, Thomas H. Powers.

Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia. Richard Palmer, Peter Williamson, William H. Klapp, M. D.

Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county. Robert C. Hill, James Sillyman, jr., William B. Potts.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county. Robert Ralston, James Watkins.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county. Robert E. Hale, Robert McNeal.

St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county. Thomas G Henderson, Frederick D. Baker.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, William H Newbold, Samuel Snelling.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county. Jesse Bean, Edward Evans.

St. Peters', Philadelphia. William Meredith, Francis G. Smith, James S. Smith.

St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county. Levi B. Smith, John C. Evans, David Morgan.

Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county. Horace E. Wolf.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county. James Peacock, George W. Layng, Edward Hughes.

St. James' church, Muncy, Mercer county. William Cox Ellis.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia. William Letford, John W. Kester, Osmon Reed.

St. Mary's church, Chester county. Clement Brook, Samuel Shafer, Thomas K. Bull.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county. Lawrence S. Lardner.

St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county. Hill Brinton, Abraham W. Sharples.

St David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county. Charles V. Hagner, James C. Kempton, Tobias Wagner.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county. Zadoc Thomas, John Zieber, James Hooven.

St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county. Isaac B. Parker, Edward J. Stiles, Benjamin Stiles.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. William Rawle, Durden B. Carter, George M. Wharton.

All Saints church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county. E. Q. S. Waldron, William Robinson, Jr., Benjamin G Mitchell.

Zion church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia county. Richard Penn Smith, James Goodman, Morton McMichael.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John Farr, John D. George, William Alexander.

Christ church, Reading, Berks county. Matthias S. [illegible]hards, Henry Rhoads, Joseph L. Stichter.

[illegible]rist church, Philadelphia. Horace Binney, Wade T. [illegible]h, Philip H. Nicklin.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county. Benjamin Chew, John S. Littell, John W. Ashmead.

St Peter's church, Great Valley. John L. Phillips.

St. James' church, Bristol, Bucks county. James Johnson.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county. Jonathan Jones.

Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county. John P. Rutter, Robert E. Hobart.

St. Mary's church, Honeybrook, Chester county. Peter Dampman, Edwin Mendenhall.

St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county. Benjamin F. Johnson, George Lodge, John Larkin, Jr.

St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county. Jesse M. Justis.

Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. William Overington.

Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county. Thomas B. Jacobs, Edward Davies.

St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county. John Hunter.

Grace church, Hulmeville, Bucks county. George Harrison, Samuel Swift, Jacob Rue.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 21st, 1839, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the meeting proceeded to organize.* A list of the clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names.

Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. George Boyd,
Thomas Breintnall,
William Bryant,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
John A. Clark,
John B. Clemson,
John Coleman,
Robert Davis,
Rev. Alfred Louderback,
Alfred A. Miller,
George Mintzer,
Richard U. Morgan,
Henry J. Morton,
George W. Natt,
John Rodney,
Joshua M. Rogers,
George Sheets,
Isaac Smith,
William Suddards,

* Before the organization of the Convention, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, stated that the Right Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York, was in the house, and requested that the Convention should, by an informal vote, authorise him to invite Bishop De Lancey to a seat in the chancel forthwith. The members present assented immediately by acclamation—whereupon Bishop De Lancey was conducted to the Episcopal chair on the left of the President.

Rev. Benjamin Dorr,
Jacob M. Douglass,
George C. Drake,
Henry W. Ducachet,
Walter E. Franklin,
William Hilton,
Samuel T. Lord,
Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot,
Stephen H. Tyng,
Geo. Upfold
William White,
Edwin W. Wiltbank,
James Wiltbank. 51

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats.

Lewis R. Ashburst,
C. N. Bancker,
Jesse Bean,
Horace Binney,
Hill Brinton,
Clement Brook,
Thomas K. Bull,
Durden B. Carter,
Henry W. Chadwick,
Herman Cope,
William Cox Ellis,
Jno. Farr,
Jno. D. George,
Peter Gwinner,
R. C. Hale,
Thomas G. Henderson,
Robert C. Hill,
Martin Ivens,
William Kirkham,
William H. Klapp,
Lawrence S. Lardner,
G. W. Layng,
William Letford,
William Meredith,
David Morgan,
Wm. H. Newbold,
P. H. Nicklin,
Richard Palmer,
Isaac B. Parker,
James Peacock,
William Rawle,
Osmon Reed,
Henry Rhoads,
William Robinson, Jr.
Samuel Shafer,
Abraham W. Sharples,
F. G. Smith,
James S. Smith,
Richard S. Smith,
Wade T. Smith,
Samuel Snelling,
Cornelius Stevenson,
Joseph L. Stichter,
Benjamin Stiles,
Edward J. Stiles,
Amos Vansant,
Tobias Wagner,
James Watkins,
William Welsh,
George M. Wharton,
Peter Williamson,
Horace E. Wolf.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Upfold and the Rev. Mr. Bull being appointed tellers to receive the votes of the clergy, and Messrs. Kirkham and Carter tellers to receive the votes of the laity. The tellers having reported that the Rev. Dr. Ducachet had received the majority of the votes of both orders, he was declared elected Secretary accordingly.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Bishop laid upon the table, the official list of all the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, corrected up to this day.

A list of the clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, agreeably to Canon XIV, Sect. 5, when

The Rev. Jno. A. Clark, the only one of them now present, answered to his name, and offered the apology, that he was absent at the time for the benefit of his health, on leave from the Bishop, agreeably to the Canon.

Leave of absence was asked and obtained by Mr. Amos Vansant for the remainder of the session.

The Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Wednesday, May 22d, 1839, 10 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. H. J. Morton; the Rt. Rev. Bishop De Lancey read the ante-communion office; and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard U. Morgan; after which the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Bishop De Lancey and the Rev. Messrs. Morgan and Morton.

The convention was called to order after service. The Roll was called. The minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats. Rev. Wm. Adderly, Rev. F. W. Beasly, Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rev. George Kirke, Rev. Wm. S. Perkins.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats; viz. Wm. Alexan-

der, Jno. W. Ashmead, Benj. Chew, Jas. Goodman, James C. Kempton, Jno. W. Kester, Jno. S. Littell, Rd. Penn Smith.

The following lay deputies presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats—viz. Frederick D. Baker, John L. Phillips, James Johnson, Jonathan Jones, John P. Rutter, Edwin Mendenhall, Benjamin F. Johnson, George Lodge, Jesse M. Justis, Wm. Overington, Thos. B. Jacobs, John Hunter, John Harrison.

The Secretary then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

When a Bishop of this Church, or of a Church in communion with it, is present, the President of the Convention may invite him to take a seat in the chancel, and be present during the sittings.

The Rev. Dr. Upfold then presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. R. U. Morgan, for the able and impressive discourse delivered by him at the opening of the Convention this morning, with the expression of our earnest prayer that God would give us grace, so to improve the pertinent, faithful, and affectionate counsel addressed to us, that when called upon to give account of our stewardship we may stand approved and accepted of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

The kind providence of Almighty God again brings us together in our annual diocesan Council, to advise mutually for the good of the Church, and to rejoice in her increasing prosperity. We have some visible growth in this diocese, and I hope very much of that far better growth which is invisible: while in our Church at large, the indications of the divine favour are great. All which calls for our fervent gratitude to the most High.

All the Bishops and a large and able representation of the dioceses attended the General Convention, held in this city in September last. One of the important measures then adopted was the election of a second Missionary Bishop; the Rev.

Leonidas Polk, D. D. was unanimously chosen; and he was consecrated in December in the city of Cincinnati. His missionary episcopal district comprises the state of Arkansas, and "all parts of the United States south of latitude 36½°, where the Church is as yet unorganised." From the high character of Dr. Polk, very happy results may be expected from his elevation to the episcopate.

Another important proceeding of the General Convention was the completion of the legislative provisions for dividing, when necessary, the larger dioceses. Following this measure was the division of New York into two; the new one taking the name of the Diocese of Western New York. The new branch of the Church thus formed, elected to its episcopate, at the primary Convention, the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., a brother long well known to us for zeal in the service of our common Master, indefatigable devotion to the welfare of the souls committed to his charge, and eminent ability and energy in the councils and business of the Church. So valuable a member of the diocese, endeared to us personally, likewise, by many ties and recollections, we cannot but part with reluctantly; yet, for the greater good to be accomplished in the wider sphere in which he is to act, we submit, and congratulate our sister diocese on her valuable acquisition. He was consecrated in St. Peter's church, Auburn, in the diocese of Western New York, in the presence of its again assembled Convention, on Ascension day, Thursday, the 9th inst., by our venerable Presiding Bishop, with whom the Bishops of New York and New Jersey and myself united in the imposition of hands.

A proposition will come before you, from the last General Convention, so to alter the General Constitution of our Church, as to allow that body to provide the mode of trying Bishops. This proposition involves the very grave question, whether the dioceses will surrender the right they now have, of instituting the mode of trying all orders of their clergy. The principal matter at issue is the mode of presentment; of which there can probably be only three, presentment by the diocesan Convention, by the General Convention, or by some of the Bishops; the court for the trial being always composed of Bishops only. That there are imperfections in the mode of presentment by the diocesan Convention, cannot be denied; there may be partiality, to screen a Bishop; or there may be hostility, to oppress him. To give the right of presenting to

the General Convention, would be to intermingle the issue with the multifarious business of that body; where, as in most large assemblies, particularly those drawn together from distant quarters, and representing interests and feelings not entirely accordant, affairs not related, acquire through the pressure of time or the force of circumstances, an influence upon each other, which might leave the question of a presentment not free from extraneous considerations. To vest this right in the Bishops, appears at first sight, the preferable mode; yet it is not without a weighty objection; for if Bishops are to present, and other Bishops try the cause, it will amount in substance to two trials; and the first being condemnatory, an acquittal at the second will naturally be regarded as affording but a very questionable recovery of character. In every view, the subject presents difficulty. Whether there is a sufficient prospect of doing better, by changing this feature of our General Constitution, I leave to your judgment to decide.

In compliance with Canon VII. of 1835, I now lay before you a statement of the affairs of the Diocese since we last met.

I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal Holyday, (except the annual Thanksgiving,) including six Sundays spent in Delaware, and two in the diocese of New York, while on my journey to and from the consecration of Bishop De Lancey. At Auburn I preached before the convention of Western New York. In the churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have preached 48 times. At the Orphan House once, and at the House of Refuge, once.

In June last, I preached at Germantown; at Westchester; and at Yardleyville, and Hulmeville. In July, at Chester and Marcus Hook; at Bristol; and at Concord, and Rockdale. In August, at Concord again, being compelled to revoke an appointment at Manayunk; also at Radnor. In September, at Manayunk, twice. At the close of that month I set out on a western visitation, and preached at Greensburgh, twice; and in October, at Connelsville, twice; at Uniontown; at Brownsville, twice; at Pike Run; at Allegheny; at Laceyville; in Trinity church, and St. Andrew's place of worship, Pittsburgh; at New Brighton; in St. Paul's church, Beaver county; at Georgetown; at Beaver; at Freeport, twice; at Kittanning, twice; at Red Bank; in Wayne Township; at Butler, [illegible]e; at Erie, twice; at Waterford, twice; at Rockville; at [illegible]lville, twice; at Mercer; and again at Butler, at Alle[illegible]r, and in Trinity church, and St. Andrew's place of wor-

ship, Pittsburgh. In November, at Norristown. In December, at Francisville; at Pottsville; at Reading; at Harrisburgh, twice. In January, at Carlisle, twice. In April, at Whitemarsh; at Germantown, twice; at York, 3 times; at Petersburgh, twice. In the present month, at Piquea, twice.

I have administered the *Holy Communion*, in this diocese, nineteen times, including all public occasions and two private administrations of it to a sick person. The *Burial* office I have several times performed for parish ministers, and also on one other occasion. I have *Baptized* 5 children, besides administrations of that sacrament inserted in the several parish registers. Of *Marriages* I have solemnized 8. And I take this opportunity of stating that, in conformity with an act of the Legislature, reported to you at our last meeting, and entered on page 27 of the Journal, I have recorded in the Parish Register of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, all the Marriages solemnized by me in this State, and all the Baptisms except those which I understand to have been recorded in the registers of the parishes where they were performed.

The ordinance of *Confirmation* I have administered 53 times in our parishes, once in private to a sick person, and twice in the Swedes' churches. At Germantown, I confirmed 17 persons. At Hulmeville, 1 person. At Chester, 6 persons; at Marcus Hook, 28; at Concord, 3; at Rockdale, 25; at Radnor, 7; at Manayunk, 10; at Greensburgh, 15; at Connelsville, 7; at Brownsville, 14; at Pike Run, 3; at Allegheny, 9; at Laceyville, 8, two of whom belonged to Trinity church, Pittsburgh; in the parish of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh, 5, and again 1, in all, 6; at New Brighton, 7, all men; in St. Paul's, Beaver county, 12; at Georgetown, 5; at Freeport, 8; at Kittanning, 12; at Red Bank, 16; in Wayne Township, 31; at Butler, 3, and again 1, in all, 4; at Erie, 10; at Waterford, 3; at Meadville, 9; in Trinity church, Pittsburgh, 34; at Pottsville, 8; at Reading, 2; at Harrisburgh, 3; at Carlisle, 6; at Whitemarsh, 3; at York, 24; at Pequea, 9.

My statement of Confirmations held in Philadelphia, is as follows. In St. Peter's church, I confirmed 15 persons, and again, 19, in all, 34. In St. Stephen's, 16. In St. John's, 12, and again, 3, in all, 15. In St. Thomas', 4. In Emanuel church, 6. In Trinity church, 18. At Spring Garden, 13. At Moyamensing, 6. In St. James' church, 33. In St. Paul's, 18. In St. Andrew's, 41. In the church of the Epiphany, 47. In Grace church, 53. In the church of the As-

cension, 35. In Christ church, 40. In the church of the Evangelists, 41.

During the past year, I have *consecrated* six churches. On the 7th of June, I consecrated Emanuel church, Kensington; a very neat edifice, and in a district of Philadelphia where one was much wanted: much credit is due to the late pastor, the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, for zeal and perseverance in procuring its erection. On the 6th of October, I consecrated St. Paul's church, Laceyville; a small, but substantial and well finished structure. On the 13th of October, I consecrated Trinity church, Freeport; a serviceable and handsome brick building, for which we are greatly indebted to the faithful labours of the present and late missionaries, and the energy of the congregation. On the 17th of October, I consecrated St. Michael's church, Wayne township, Armstrong county; a neat frame building, small, but another honourable testimony to the untiring exertions of the missionary there, and to the efforts of a "willing people." On Sunday, the 14th of April, I consecrated the church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia: the building was purchased from another denomination, and has been fitted very neatly for our worship; and the seats are all free: for the good work thus effected we have to thank its minister, the Rev. N. S. Harris, and the kind friends who co-operated with him. On Whitsunday, the 19th inst., I consecrated St. John's church, Piquea: this new, substantial, and truly elegant place of worship takes the place of the former somewhat ancient building, which had become too small for the increasing congregation, and was incommodious and in bad repair: to the ladies of the congregation the credit is due of first moving in this laudable undertaking; which has been well followed up by other liberal contributions; the chief impulse, throughout, being the excellent influence of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Buchanan.

I have laid three *corner-stones* since the last Convention: that of the church of the Holy Trinity, at Westchester, on the 4th of June: that of the new St. John's church, Piquea, just consecrated, on the 21st of June: and that of Zion church, Spring Garden, on the 5th of September.—Other churches, not before reported, are *erecting* at Wellsborough, and in Pittsburgh for the congregation of St. Andrew's.

For our brethren of the *Swedes' churches*, I have preached four times, and confirmed twice: at Upper Merion, I preached in November and in April, when I confirmed six

persons: at Kingsessing, I preached in November: and in Gloria Dei church, I preached in January, and confirmed 6 persons.

With great pleasure and sincere gratitude, I acknowledge the kind attention and affectionate hospitality I have every where received, in the course of my visitations. May God's blessing be with the worthy friends who have done me these kindnesses, and with all the people committed to my charge!

The *Ordinations* held by me since the last Convention, I record, as follows:

On Sunday, July 8, in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, and the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, July 22d, in St. James' church, Bristol, I admitted Mr. Charles Breck, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Wednesday, August 1st, in St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Edmund Neville to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, September 2d, in St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. William H. Odenheimer, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, October 7th, in Trinity church, Pittsburgh, I admitted the Rev. William White, and the Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, deacons, to the holy order of Priests: and also Mr. Joseph Adderly to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, February 3d, in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, the Rev. Edward Waylen, the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, the Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, and the Rev. George W. Natt, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Ash-Wednesday, February 13th, in St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Oliver A. Shaw, and Dr. Edward Rice to the holy order of Deacons.

I have given *Letters of Dismission* to the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, to the diocese of Michigan—to the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, to that of New York—to the Rev. William Hommann, to the jurisdiction of Bishop Kemper—to the Rev. John F. Hoff, the Rev. John W. Hoffman, and the Rev. George P. Hopkins, to the diocese of Maryland—to the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, to that of New Jersey—to the Rev. Edward Neville, to that of Massachusetts—to the Rev. Frederick Freeman, to that of Maine—to the Rev. Alexander

Varian, to that of Ohio: all which, except the last, concerning which there has scarcely been time enough to hear, have been accepted. And I have transferred the Rev. John W. McCullough, and the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, from this diocese to that of Delaware.

I have received and accepted Letters of Dismission to this diocese—on July 2d, in behalf of the Rev. Pierre Teller Babbit, from Bishop Kemper—on August 17th, in behalf of the Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, from Bishop McCoskry—on September 7th, in behalf of the Rev. Alfred Lee, from Bishop Brownell—on October 5th, in behalf of the Rev. Charles W. Andrews, from Bishop Meade—on November 6th, in behalf of the Rev. Charles V. Kelly; on January 4th, in behalf of the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin: and on January 28th, in behalf of the Rev. Richard F. Burnham; from Bishop B. T. Onderdonk—on November 17th, in behalf of the Rev. George P. Hopkins, deacon, from Bishop Hopkins—on November the 21st. in behalf of the Rev. Francis H. L. Laird; and on March 6th, in behalf of the Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, from Bishop McIlvaine—on November 27th, in behalf of the Rev. Edward Waylen, from Bishop Griswold—on March 1st, in behalf of the Rev. Willie Peck, from the ecclesiastical authority of Maryland—on April 20th, in behalf of the Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, deacon, from Bishop Moore. And on November 8th, I transferred the Rev. William James C. Clark from the diocese of Delaware to this diocese; also, on the 17th inst., I transferred, in like manner, the Rev. John Linn McKim.

The Rev. Mr. May, who has gone to Europe for the improvement of his health, has *leave of absence* for eighteen months; his place in St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, is supplied temporarily by the Rev. Mr. Bent. I record with regret the *death* of the Rev. John Taylor, who, on the 10th of August, was struck by lightning, in his bed, in Mercer county.

On Sunday, December 30th, I *instituted* the Rev. Charles V. Kelly to the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg; owing to detention by snow upon the rail-road, I was compelled to perform this duty in the afternoon. On Sunday, April 28th, I instituted the Rev. Edward Waylen to the rectorship of St. John the Baptist's Church, York; where I was much gratified with the improved state of things in the affairs of our Church.

The number of *candidàtes* for holy orders, in this diocese, is 23; and I now present the list of them. Dr. William M'Dougall I have transferred to the diocese of Tennessee. No names have been withdrawn or erased. The gentleman whose name is second on the list, Mr. Hall, went to Ireland, his native country, for his health, in the Spring of 1837; and in August following, wrote to me that he intended returning in the Spring of 1838; since which time I have not heard from him. On the 4th of September, I admitted to the candidateship Robert M'Gregor Micheson, and James Lloyd Breck; on the 6th of November, Benjamin Franklin Watson, and William W. Withers; on the 23d of January, John Hulme Harrison; on the 5th of March, Samuel Hazlehurst, Jr.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall is the rector of Zion Church, Spring Garden, having resigned St. Mary's, Hamiltonville; where he is succeeded by the Rev. Richard D. Hall. The Rev. Charles W. Andrews is the rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh. The Rev. Charles V. Kelly is the rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg. The Rev. William Adderly has resigned Georgetown Church, where he is succeeded by the Rev. F. H. Laird: and has charge of the congregation of St. Peter's at Fallstown and New Brighton, and of St. Paul's, Beaver County. The Rev. Joseph Adderly has charge of the congregation of St. Ann's, at Red Bank, Armstrong County. The Rev. T. H. Michell has removed from Allegheny to Mercer, with a good prospect of reviving St. John's Church, at the latter place. The Rev. Joshua L. Harrison is the rector of Christ Church, Greensburgh; the Rev. Mr. Kerr having resigned that parish, but retaining Connelsville, and adding Uniontown to his charge. The Rev. Edward Waylen is the rector of St. John's Church, York; the Rev. Mr. Franklin having removed thence to Grace Church, Honesdale. The Rev. Mr. Whitesides has charge of Christ Church, Pottstown, and the congregation at Phœnixville. The Rev. William James Clark is the rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre. The Rev. Richard F. Burnham is the rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk. The Rev. Samuel T. Lord has resigned the charge at Waterford, and accepted that at New Milford; the Rev. Mr. Pleasants having resigned that parish, and also the one at Montrose; in which latter he is succeeded by the Rev. G. P. Hopkins. The Rev. Willie Peck is the rector of St. David's

Church, Radnor, in place of the Rev. Mr. Rees, resigned. The Rev. Nathan Stem is the rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, the Rev. Mr. Reynolds having resigned that parish; more recently he has resigned that of St. James, Perkiomen. The Rev. Alfred Lee is the Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale. The Rev. Charles Breck has charge of the congregation of St. Paul's, at Wellsborough. The Rev. Dr. Crusé is again at the head of the Abbeville Institute. The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin is Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. W. H. Odenheimer officiates temporarily in St. Peter's, Philadelphia. The Rev. J. H. Marsden has charge of the (incorporated) Female Academy at Gettysburgh. The Rev. John Gordon Maxwell is the rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington, the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger having resigned. The Rev. James B. Noblit has been elected to the rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, the Rev. Mr. Hoff having resigned. The Rev. E. W. Wiltbank has resigned the parish at Westchester, but retains that at Concord. The Rev. J. L. M'Kim has charge of the congregations at Carbondale and Dundaff.

Our excellent Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, the acknowledged agent of the Church in this diocese by the vote of the Convention of 1812, continues its highly useful though entirely unostentatious labours, more particularly in the missionary department. Twenty-seven years devotion to the cause it furthers may be appealed to as the practical test of its beneficial operation and wholesome influence, and as the evidence of its claim to the kind sympathy and cordial support of all in our branch of the Lord's household. Much however as is the good effected by it, the results would be larger were its resources increased. And I therefore again solicit, most earnestly, liberal contributions to its funds from the whole diocese.—I attended the anniversary celebration of this admirable institution, in St. James' church, in this city, on the evening of January 7th, the festival of the Epiphany occurring on Sunday; the services on that occasion were highly interesting, and the Report evinced, as usual, that the zeal of the Society and its missionaries continued unabated.

In the employment of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, there are at present 24 missionaries; whose names and stations are as follows:

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, deacon, at Red Bank, and parts adjacent, Armstrong county.

The Rev. William Adderly, at Fallstown, and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Charles Breck, deacon, at Wellsborough, and parts adjacent, Tioga county.

The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Richard F. Burnham, at Mauch Chunk, and parts adjacent, Northampton county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, who is Rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburgh, at Jerseytown, and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, at Honesdale, and Bethany, Wayne county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, who is Rector of Christ church, Brownsville, at Pike Run, Washington county.

The Rev. William Hilton, at West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins, deacon, at Montrose, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, at Uniontown and Connelsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, at Kittanning and Wayne Township, Armstrong county.

The Rev. George Kirke, at Yardleyville and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, at Georgetown, Beaver county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna county and Pike (Wyalusing) Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, at Danville, Columbia county, and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. John Linn McKim, at Corbondale, Luzerne county; and Dundaff, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., at Mercer and parts adjacent, Mercer county.

The Rev. George W. Natt, at Belle Fonte, and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, at Muncy, and Williamsport, Lycoming county, and Derry, Columbia county.

The Rev. William White, at Butler, Butler county, and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, at Pottstown, Montgomery county, and Phœnixville, Chester county.

During a part of the year, the Rev. Mr. Varian was a Missionary at Paradise, Lancaster county.

I include among the Missionaries, the Rev. William N. Pendleton, a Professor in Newark College, Delaware, who officiates at New London ⋈ Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

Under the care of the Education Committee of the Society for Advancement, &c., are ten beneficiaries, of whom five are at the General Seminary; two at Washington College, Conn.; two at the University of Pennsylvania; and one pursues his theological studies in private, under the direction of a clergyman. Surely the claims of this noble Society cannot be too strongly urged!

Members of the Society, and students in divinity, have access to its library, which is kept in St. James' church.

The Female Episcopal Tract Society is auxiliary to that for the advancement of christianity, and renders much service to the cause of religion by its valuable publications. It well deserves patronage.

Richly deserving of patronage, also, is the Bishop White Prayer Book Society. Next to the Bible, the best book in the world is our Liturgy; and it is the best companion for the Bible. To circulate as widely as possible this inestimable volume, is the business of this Society; and it fulfils its purpose to the full extent of its means. During the past year, it has distributed more than ten thousand copies. I commend it to the further and more adequate support of the diocese. And I respectfully ask for it, contributions from beyond the diocese, inasmuch as it responds to demands for the Prayer Book from all quarters, without local preferences.

The Prayer Book of the Female Episcopal Prayer Book Society was adopted by the last General Convention, as the standard for all editions of that volume. And their stereotype plates have undergone a very thorough correction by a committee appointed for that purpose; so that their last and their future editions may justly be regarded as the most accurate of any in the country. This advantage, I trust, will augment the number of the purchasers of their book. But they have the greater claim to patronage, that they distribute

it gratuitously to all who need it, particularly to those who through infirmity of vision, require large print. To aid these excellent ladies in this benevolent work, and to remunerate them for the expense incurred in the correction of their plates, I solicit for them the bounty of the diocese and of episcopalians generally.

The Sunday School Society of the diocese, auxiliary to our General Sunday School Union, continues its operations, and is endeavouring to extend them. It has a claim to larger patronage than it has hitherto enjoyed.

It is my duty to present again to the notice of my Rev. brethren, the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen. An interest in its funds, timely secured, will so far relieve one of the calamities attending the greatest earthly bereavement.

I attended, during the session of the General Convention, meetings of the Board of Missions, and of the General Sunday School Union. The operations of these institutions of the church are well known; and no adequate notice of them could be comprised within the limits of this address.—I attended also, in June last, the Board of the General Theological Seminary: the funds of this excellent establishment have reached a condition which has rendered necessary an urgent appeal to all the members of our Zion; and I hope it will be favourably heard, or its prospective resources may be absorbed by a premature anticipation of them.

Having thus completed my canonical statement, I commend you, Brethren, in the business before you, to the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit, who directed the council of the apostles, and who is given to the Church till the end of the world. May the Almighty Father shed his gracious illumination into our hearts and our understandings, through our Lord Jesus Christ; both to make our deliberations and proceedings beneficial to the Church, and to bring our affections and our lives to a nearer conformity to the image and the example of the Redeemer!

H. U. Onderdonk.

Philadelphia, May 22d, 1839.

The Secretary then read the following official list of the candidates for orders in this diocese.

List of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 22nd, 1839.

Richard Newton—since September 29, 1836.
John Hall—since November 5, 1836.
Samuel W. Hallowell—since November 5, 1836.
Edwin N. Lightner—since November 25, 1836.
Alexander F. Dobb—since May 9, 1837.
William White Bronson—since May 9, 1837.
Gregory Thurston Bedell—since May 9, 1837.
John J. M'Elhinny—since June 6, 1837.
George Burcker—since September 5, 1837.
John P. Hosmer—since September 5, 1837.
Samuel Rose Meade—since January 2, 1838.
William P. Saunders—since February 6, 1838.
William Sydney Walker—since March 6, 1838.
Edward Bourns—since April 12, 1838.
Alexander Shiras—since April 12, 1838.
John A. Childs—since April 12, 1838.
Robert Bethel Claxton—since May 15, 1838.
Robert M'Gregor Micheson—since September 4, 1838.
James Lloyd Breck—since September 4, 1838.
William W. Withers—since November 6, 1838.
Benjamin Franklin Watson—since November 6, 1838.
John Hulme Harrison—since January 23, 1839.
Samuel Hazlehurst, Jr.—since March 5, 1839.
Total, 23.

It was moved and resolved that a committee on unfinished business be appointed, when the chair appointed Rev. Mr. Rodney and Rev. Mr. Rogers.

The charter of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, was then presented with the following report from the Standing Committee, setting forth their objections to it.

In Standing Committee, May 21, 1839.

The Committee on Charters reported on the charter of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

ereupon, on motion, ordered to be reported to the Con-
, with the reasons of the disapprobation of the Stand-
nmittee, viz:—To the clause in the 3rd article pro-

viding for the education of the youth, and the support of the poor of the congregation.

The whole matter was then referred to a Committee on Charters—whereupon, on motion, the following gentlemen were appointed said committee—Rev. Mr. Buchanan, Rev. Mr. Morgan, Rev. Mr. Crumpton, Messrs. James S. Smith and P. H. Nicklin.

The charter of St. James's Church, Schuylkill Haven, was also presented, and having been approved by the Standing Committee, was referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Secretary presented the reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Trustees of the same, and also the report of the Treasurer of the convention fund, which having been previously examined and found correct by the Standing Committee, were ordered to be appended to the Journal.

Mr. Wagner offered the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved, That 75 per cent. of the aggregate receipts from the churches whose rectors shall be entitled to mileage, be appropriated towards its payment, and that the Treasurer be authorised to make such payments, provided they do not exceed the actual expenses of the clergy in attending Convention, and provided that an account of the same be rendered to him, on or before the evening of the adjournment of this Convention.

On motion, it was Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund; provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The names of the Clergy were then called agreeably to the resolution of the Convention of 1835, to inquire whether collections had been made in their respective Churches for the Convention fund; when it appeared that collections were made by the following, viz:

Rev. Messrs.	Adderly,	Rev. Messrs.	Kirke,
	Beasely,		Lee,
	Bowman,		Lord,
	Boyd,		Miller,
	Bryant,		Mintzer,
	Bull,		Morgan,

Rev. Messrs.	Coleman,	Rev. Messrs.	Morton,
	Crumpton,		Peck,
	Dorr,		Rodney,
	Drake,		Rogers,
	Ducachet,		Stem,
	Franklin,		Talbot,
	Harrison,		Tyng,
	Hilton,		Upfold,
	Kelly,		White.

The following did not make the enjoined collection, viz: Rev. Messrs. Breintnall, Clemson, and Louderback; and the following did not answer to their names, viz:

Rev. Messrs.	Andrews,	Rev. Messrs.	Lacey,
	Buchanan,		Lane,
	Babbit,		Laird,
	Breck,		May,
	Burnham,		Mitchell,
	W. J. Clark,		Maxwell,
	J. A. Clark,		Perkins,
	Douglass,		Ridgley,
	Freeman,		Sheets,
	Greenleaf,		Suddards,
	Hall,		Wiltbank,
	Kerr,		Waylen.
	Killikelly,		

The Convention then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 22d, 1839, 5 o'clock, P. M.
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The Convention assembled agreeably to adjournment. The roll was called, and the Rev. G. W. Ridgley, not before present, answered to his name, and took his seat. The following lay delegates, not before present, answered to their names, and took their seats, viz:—Richard Palmer, Levi B. Smith, James Watkins, and Joseph Watson.

The minutes of the morning's session were read and approved.

Mr. Zadok Thomas, a lay delegate from St. John's Church,

Norristown, presented the certificate of his appointment, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The Committee on the admission of the Swedes' Churches, &c., presented the following report, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred at the last Convention so much of the Bishop's Address to that Convention as relates to the admission of certain Swedes' Churches to union with this Convention, beg leave to report progress, and ask leave to be continued, to report at the next annual Convention.

Whereupon, it was ordered that the said committee be continued, as asked.

The reading of the parochial reports was then continued.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report.

That having examined the Articles of Association of St. James's Church, Schuylkill Haven, and the Charter of Incorporation of St. Luke's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, and having found both to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, they recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That St. James's Church, Schuylkill Haven, and St. Luke's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, be, and they hereby are, admitted as members of this Convention.

2. That in the opinion of the Convention, there should be as few deviations as possible in future proposed charters, from the form of charter recommended by the Convention.

EDWARD Y. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

The committee on unfinished business presented their report.

The committee on unfinished business, after due examination of the Journal, respectfully report as claiming the attention of this body, the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. May, on more frequent religious services during the sessions of Convention—and besides the subject of the admission of the Swedish Churches, already disposed of, there remains but one other resolution, that of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, on the Marriage Law, &c., referred to a committee, of which the Rev. Dr. is the Chairman.

JOHN RODNEY,
J. M. ROGERS.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Boyd, it was ordered that the resolutions offered by the Rev. Mr. May, and re-

ferred to in the report of the committee on unfinished business, be laid over to the next Convention.

The Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Thursday, May 23d, 1839, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Talbot, after which the Bishop called the Convention to order.

The roll was called, when the Rev. Freeman Lane, Mr. C. V. Hagner, and Mr. Thos. I. Wharton, not before present, answered to their names and took their seats.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorised to print 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

Mr. Nicklin then offered the following resolution:

Resolved—That the Constitution, Canons, and Revised Regulations of the Diocese of Pennsylvania be appended to the Journal of this Convention for this year, and that 500 additional copies be printed from the same type, for future distribution.

A call being made for a division of the question, the first clause, viz: "that the Constitution, Canons, and Revised Regulations of the Diocese of Pennsylvania be appended to the Journal of this Convention for this year," was carried. The question being put upon the second clause, it was lost.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention will go into the election at 1 o'clock this day.

The charter of St. James' church, Bellefonte, having been presented as approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on charters.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley offered the following resolutions:

As the General Convention has adopted the principle that *the Church is the best Society for the dissemination of the Gospel*, and as each diocese constitutes a separate, and in some particulars an independent portion of the Church,

1. *Resolved*—That all the operations and enterprises for the promotion of Religion in this diocese, ought to be under the control of *this Convention*.

Resolved—That a Board of supervision and control be

annually appointed by this body, whose duty it shall be to take charge of such operations.

3. *Resolved*—That where any field of benevolent exertion is already occupied by an efficient and well organized Society, the said Board be authorised and directed to adopt such Society as the agent of the Church, for the continued occupancy of that field. It being understood, however, that said Society shall formally recognise the authority of the Board to inspect its proceedings, and (if at any time occasion should require) to control them.

4. *Resolved*—That if any important department of Christian exertion shall be found unoccupied or filled by some independent association, which refuses to recognise the authority of this Convention, thus delegated to its Board of supervision and control, said Board shall take measures to institute another organization for the same objects, that shall thenceforth be recognised as a *Church Society*, and entitled to claim the patronage of Pennsylvania churchmen, in the name of their ecclesiastical authorities.

5. *Resolved*—That this Board shall annually report to this Convention the condition of the various interests committed to its supervision.

Whereupon, after debate, the question being put, the whole matter was indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Mr. Boyd offered the following resolution, and moved to lay it on the table, which was ordered.

Resolved—That a committee of five Clergymen with the same number of laymen, be appointed to inquire whether the Rubrics attached to the Catechism of the Church, so far as they respect the Catechetical instruction therein contemplated, are complied with, or how far they are so complied with; and whether some means may not be recommended by this Convention, which, under God's blessing, may tend to the more general "training up" of the children of the Church, in the doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Church.

Mr. Nicklin now moved that 250 copies extra of the Constitution, Canons, and revised Regulations, &c., be printed, under the direction of the Secretary, which was carried.

The Committee on Charters offered the following report.

The Committee on Charters report, that having found the charter of incorporation of St. John's church, Bellefonte, to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and

Canons, they recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved—That St. John's church, Bellefonte, be, and it hereby is admitted as a member of this Convention.

EDWARD Y. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

Whereupon the resolution recommended by them was carried; and St. John's church, Bellefonte, was admitted into union with this Convention.

Mr. Geo. M. Wharton offered the following resolution:

Resolved—That it be recommended to the different incorporated churches in the diocese, to pass a by-law, providing for the vesting of all the estate of the corporation, in case of its dissolution, in the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, to be held by it in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Church, which may be formed upon the same principles in the same neighbourhood.

Which was carried.

Mr. Wm. H. Newbold offered the following resolution:

Resolved—That a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the practicability of devising means for the relief of clergymen of this diocese, prevented by physical inability from the discharge of their ministerial functions, and if deemed practicable, to report a plan to the next Convention.

Which was passed. Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said committee: Rev. Dr. Dorr, Rev. Mr. Morton, Messrs. W. H. Newbold, G. M. Wharton, and John Welsh, Jr.

The order of the day was called for, the hour having arrived; and the chair appointed the Rev. Messers. Beasely and Rogers, tellers to receive the votes of clergymen; and Messrs. Cope and E. J. Stiles, tellers to receive the votes of the laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the vacancy in the number of trustees to represent this diocese in the board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, be now filled; whereupon the Rev. Benj. Dorr, D. D., was elected to that office.

Resolved, That the next annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's church in the city of Philadelphia.

The Tellers made their report; whereupon the following gentlemen were declared to be elected:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. George Boyd,	Jas. S. Smith,
Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D. D.	P. H. Nicklin,
Rev. Benj. Dorr, D. D.	Jno. Andrews,
Rev. Henry J. Morton,	Tobias Wagner,
Rev. Jno. B. Clemson.	Geo. M. Wharton.

Deputies to the General Convention.

Rev. George Upfold, D. D.	Horace Binney,
Rev. Levi Bull,	Ed. J. Stiles,
Rev. Samuel Bowman,	Jas. S. Smith,
Rev. Benj. Dorr, D. D.	Wm. Meredith.

Committee on the supply of vacant Congregations.

Rev. John Rodney, jr.	Samuel Hazlehurst,
Rev. George Sheets,	Wm. D. Brinckle, M. D.
Rev. Wm. Suddards,	Lewis R. Ashhurst.

Treasurer of the Convention Fund,
Tobias Wagner.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund,
No choice.*

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection; when, after the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET, Secretary.

The parochial reports, which were read at different times during the sittings of the Convention, are here inserted in obedience to Canon XII. Sec. IV.

* Mr. P. H. Nicklin, the former Treasurer, declined being a candidate for the office. But no one having been elected in his place, he still retains the office agreeably to section VI. of the Constitution, until the appointment of a successor.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1839.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Adderly, Missionary, Rector of St. Peter's Church, New Brighton, and St. Paul's, Beaver county.

St. Peter's Church.

Baptisms, infants, 5; congregation, families about 25; public services, on Sundays, 46; confirmed, 7; collections, Convention Fund, $3. My report of this congregation is imperfect. A house of worship has not yet been erected, but should things be favorable, it is hoped it will be accomplished this summer.

St. Paul's Church.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 7; total, 11; congregation, families, 26; communicants, added, 20; present number, 58; public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 7; total, 53; confirmed, 12; marriages, 1; children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 30; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2,50; Convention Fund, $2,50; Missionary and other purposes, $21,50: total, $26,50. Besides the above, I have preached every second Sunday in the neighbourhood of Greersburg. There has also been held, every week in the neighbourhood of this church, a meeting for prayer, which has been well attended, and I hope has been the cause of much good.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Adderly, Missionary, at St. Ann's Church, Redbank, Armstrong county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 2; total 5; Congregation, families, 14; communicants, added, 6; removed, 1; present number, 29; public services, on Sundays, 18; other days, 11; total, 29; Marriages, 3; collection, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2,50.

The Church in this place cannot prosper as could be wished, until a house of worship shall be erected, which the Vestry intend to do this summer. I am unable to give any thing like a satisfactory report, having so lately taken charge of the Congregation.

Besides the above services, I have officiated 14 times at St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, and baptized one infant.

Report of the Rev. Charles H. Alden.

Since the last Convention, I have been unremittingly engaged in the appropriate duties of my station, as principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies: and with the divine blessing, not without success in the improvement of the students, both in learning and religion. Besides my paramount duties to the Institution, I have occasionally aided the city parochial clergy; officiated, as usual, at the House of Refuge, Orphan Asylum, &c.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, City Missionary.

I continue acting in the capacity of a City Missionary.

From the date of my last report May 16th, 1838, I have officiated in the service of the Church, alone, on 10 occasions. I have administered, or assisted in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on 12 occasions. I have baptised 62 persons. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 221 occasions. I have married 30 couple. I have officiated on 116 funeral occasions.

During the year, up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 1695, 1630 of them to the sick or afflicted. I have distributed 23 bibles, 4 new testaments, 60 prayer books, and 30,610 pages of tracts.

My monthly meetings at the Widow's Asylum, and my weekly meetings at the Magdalen Asylum, also at my own house, are continued. I have made a monthly appointment at the Wills Hospital. I have no other *regular* appointments, but officiate during the week or on the Lord's Day, as the Lord in his providence directs.

In my general movements I endeavour to act as a friend to all who may resort to me, or to whom I may be directed in circumstances of need, whether of body, mind or soul. By reference to the foregoing statistics, you may perceive that my visits are very much confined to the sick or afflicted.

The Lord has blessed my imperfect efforts, and to him be all the praise, forever. Amen.

Report of the Rev. Charles W. Andrews, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

Congregation, families, 52; communicants, added, 42; died, 2; present number, 73; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 15; burials, 8; marriages, 3; confirmations, 6; (a number of those

who professed to have experienced a change of heart during the past year, having been confirmed before.) Public services on Sunday morning and night, until April 1st, since which time being without a place of worship, there has but one service on Sunday. There has been also a weekly lecture, and during Lent, public worship on Wednesday and Friday night. In addition to these services, there have been meetings for prayer, in private houses in different parts of the parish.

The Rector has also preached in the afternoon, once in four weeks, at Lawrenceville, three miles from Pittsburgh. He has also preached in Meadville and Mercer, and at Brownsville and Greensburgh.

Sunday school teachers, male, 7; female, 7; all communicants; pupils, average attendance about 50; collections, Prayer Book Society, $3 75; Advancement Society, $6 40; Dom. & For. Missionary Society, $150; other charitable purposes, $253 30.

The above report embraces a period of eleven months. The missionary collections were commenced in October last. There are several objects toward which the congregation have not yet found it practicable to contribute, but which they do not intend hereafter to neglect. The Vestry are engaged in erecting a church edifice, 63 feet by 85, including the tower.

Report of the Rev. P. Teller Babbit, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in Erie, Erie County, for eleven months, preceding May 1st, 1839.

Congregation, families, 60; adults, 105; children, 113; total, 278; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 22; total, 24; confirmed, 10; communicants, added, 16; removed, 1; present number, 45; marriages, 4; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 4; total, 100. In addition to the above services, I have officiated 6 times at different places in the country.

This report embraces only the time since my entrance upon this charge, which was the 27th of last May. During the season of Lent, the Church was opened twice each week, when, in addition to the regular services, a portion of the Homilies was read.

The Bible Class numbers 21 members, and has been suspended for a few weeks; but is to be re-commenced on the 17th of May. Once each week a class of nine children have assembled for catechetical instruction.

By a Fair, the Ladies of the Parish raised $150, $30 of which were sent to the Society for the advancement of Christianity in the State of Pennsylvania; of the remainder, $112 was appropriated to liquidate a debt standing against the organ.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 9; total, 12; communicants, added, 9; marriages, 4; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 58; total, 162; Sunday schools, 2; collections, Episcopal Fund, $17 62½; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $93; Missionary and other purposes, $352; total, 445 62½.

Since my last report we have added a steeple to our Church in Holmesburg. We are indebted to the generosity of William Strickland, Esq. for the beautiful plan, which, with slight alteration, we followed in erecting it. When we were afraid that our funds would not suffer us to build a turret of the plainest kind for the reception of our bell, we found, on application to this distinguished Architect, that his talents would enable us to erect a steeple, which is a great ornament to the village. The congregation contributed $175 to the sum which we already had for the completion of the spire.

The prospects of our Church are very encouraging. In November last I commenced preaching in a School House about six miles distant from my residence, and have continued the services to this date on every Thursday evening. The good effects of this missionary effort have been sensibly felt in my Church. And so many persons have attended their services—the room being crowded to excess—that we have great reason to hope, that good effects, yet to be learnt, have resulted from them. We are about commencing a Sunday School in this building, and I think with very good prospects. It will be the third Sunday School in connection with our Church.

The Missionary spirit is increasing in our Parish. We have a Missionary Society, to which 60 members are attached. It has contributed this year $166 to the cause. This sum has been distributed—to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $93; to domestic missions, $20; to Foreign, $20; for general purposes, $33. A few members of my Church have contributed $80 this year for the support of

a professor in Bishop Kemper's College—having pledged themselves to contribute that sum annually for three years.

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Report of the Rev. N. T. Bent, officiating Minister of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 15; total, 24; communicants, added, 20; died or removed, 10; present number, 460; confirmed, 18; marriages, 3; burials, 7; bible classes, 2; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 16; pupils, 175; female, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 276; total, schools, 4; teachers, 40; pupils, 451; collections, Missionary and other purposes, about $1200.

I took the temporary charge of this Church in December last, and the above report is as accurate as it is in my power to give. The Church has been deprived of the valuable services of its rector, the Rev. James May, for the greater part of the last year, in consequence of his ill health. He is now in Europe, and the poriod of his return is uncertain. The temporary removal, even of such a rector, is an affliction to a people. But the present condition of the parish is, considering the circumstances, highly prosperous. The services of Lent received very general attention from the congregation, and were blessed, as we trust, to the spiritual good of many. The contributions for Missionary purposes have been much enlarged, but as pledges are paid quarterly, the increase does not appear in the above report, as it will in that of another year.

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Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster.

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 13; total, 14; communicants, 73; marriages, 10; funerals, 6; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 45; total, 149; children catechized, about 60; monthly throughout the year; Sunday schools, 1 male; 7 teachers; 42 pupils; 1 female; 13 teachers; 70 pupils; total, 2 schools; 20 teachers; 112 pupils; collections, Episcopal Fund, $16; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $27 25; Convention Fund, $14 25; monthly offerings of the Church for Diocesan and other missions, $164 11; Female Auxiliary Missionary Society of St. James' Church, $100; Juvenile Missionary Society, $30; total, for Missionary and other purposes, $351 61.

Report of the Rev. Geo. Boyd, Rector of St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 22; total, 25; confirmed, 16; communicants added, 17; died, 5; present number, 227; marriages, 4; public services on Sunday, 2; other days, 1; total, 3; children catechised in the Sunday schools, every other Sunday; Sunday schools, 3; 1 male, 2 female; teachers, 24; children, 240.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars have been paid on the church debts. This sum was obtained almost entirely from the exertions of the female members of the church. In December last they had a sale of fancy and useful articles, the proceeds of which were $692.

Report of the Rev. Charles Breck, Missionary, at Wellsborough, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Communicants, 1; marriages, 3; Burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 66; other days, 23; Sunday school teachers, 8; scholars, 60.

The request made to the Bishop by the inhabitants of this place, desiring him to send them an Episcopal Clergyman, was made more by way of experiment than any thing else. It took but a few weeks of visiting to satisfy my mind as to this particular.

I certainly supposed there was more than *one Episcopalian* engaged with those who were exerting themselves to obtain a clergyman of the Church. Extremes sometimes meet, and such seems to have been the case here. Division seems to have caused their union. They fixed on the church; and in August last I was sent here by the Bishop. Not being able to obtain the Court House, they fitted up the second story of the Academy; for there never was a place of worship in Wellsborough, other than an old log meeting-house, which has long since disappeared.

On the 30th of October we adopted the form of charter of incorporation, recommended by the Convention of the diocese, and took immediate measures for the building of a church. On the 15th day of April, I laid the corner stone of St. Paul's church, Wellsborough; its dimensions, are 38 feet by 52. We hope to have it ready for consecration by the 20th of October.

I thank God for the evidence there is, that the seed has not

been sown in vain. May he carry on the good work, which he has begun in the hearts of my people, and to him be ascribed the praise, and glory forever.

The greater part of the county is uncleared; still it is improving fast, and I hope there will soon be encouragement enough offered to induce another clergyman of the Church to settle here. To effect this, I have been preaching in different parts of the country, and hope for the future to give as much time to this work, as I can spare from my station.

Bradford county, Columbia, 24 miles east. I have visited this place twice, where I baptized one adult, and attended the funerals of two communicants of the church. There are a few episcopalians here, whose hearts I have encouraged, and if God gives me grace and strength, I will continue to encourage. This last remark will be better understood, when I state that there are preachers in these northern parts, who give little quarter to Episcopalians.

In the town of Troy, three miles beyond, I baptized two infants.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion church, Spring Garden.

Since the rector took charge of this church, in July last, there have been—baptized, adults, 6; infants, 11; total, 17; confirmed, 13; married, 3; communicants, 19.

The corner stone of this church, which was incorporated April 2d, 1836, was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Bishop of the diocese, September 5th, 1838. Immediately after laying the corner stone application was made for the possession of the ground that the superstructure might be commenced. The application was not complied with, and the consequence was, considerable loss and great delay. Since that time every exertion has been made by the Vestry (but without success) to obtain possession of the lot on which the corner stone was laid. For circumstances over which they had no control they are reluctantly compelled to abandon that site for another, on which they fondly hope soon to erect a neat and commodious edifice for the accommodation of an increasing congregation.

The prospects of the church continue good—the congregation still continue to worship at the corner of Marshal and Willow streets, and can boast a large number of sound and

devoted churchmen. The good old paths are the paths in which they delight to walk—adhering with great strictness to the form of sound words—the services of the church are conducted as they ought to be, and all things are done by them "decently and in order." A flourishing Sunday school is attached to the church which would receive additions but for want of suitable accommodations.

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Report of the Rev. S. P. Brinckle, one of the Assistant Ministers of the Swedish Churches near Philadelphia.

The undersigned still continues to labour at St. James's Church, Kingsessing—one of three United Swedish Churches, in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The corporation in question not being in connexion with the Episcopal Church, a particular detail of services will not be expected in this place. With much to discourage, growing out of the peculiar organization of these Churches, there are yet some circumstances of comfort in his field of labour—some faint glimmerings of a day of better things—but for which, he should almost have given up in despair. Now and then, our hearts are gladdened by seeing a stray sheep re-enter the fold of Christ—engendering a blessed hope that HE with whom is the residue of the Spirit, can cause that even these dry bones shall live. Kind and affectionate, this people lack but one thing; which, however, in the Omniscient view, is every thing.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Bryant, Missionary, Rector of All Saint's Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 33; total, 34; confirmed, 6; communicants, added, 4; present number, 51; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 40; total, 144; children catechized, 30; times, 9; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 60; female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 60; total schools, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 120; bible classes, 1; members, 6; Collections, Episcopal Fund, $2.35; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $6,69; Missionary and other purposes, $70,61; Convention fund, $4,67; total, $84,32.

Our little hill is faithful in peace and harmony.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county.

Congregation, families, 53; baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 17;

total 21; communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 5; present number, 41; marriages, 7; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 32; other days, 12; total, 44; children catechized, 30; times, 6; total schools, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 30; Collections, Episcopal Fund, $3,12½; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $7; Missionary and other purposes, $43,32: total, $53,44½.

Soon after the last Convention, the Vestry took active measures towards the erection of the New Church, to which I referred in my last report. The corner stone was laid by the Bishop on Thursday June 21, and on Christmas day the Church was ready for use. On Whitsunday it is to be consecrated to the service and worship of God. It is a handsome and convenient building, and will accommodate between 4 and 500 persons, twice the number which the old Church accommodates. The prospect of a corresponding increase in the size of the congregation is encouraging.

Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster Co.

Congregation, families, 46, baptisms, children, 13; communicants, added, 1; removed, 2; total, 32; marriages, 2; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 28; other days, 5; total, 33; children catechized, 30; times, 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 50; Collections, Episcopal Fund, $6,58; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $5; Missionary and other purposes, $37,95; total, 49,53.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester County, Bangor Church, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's Church, Berks county.

St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Communicants, about 81; Baptisms, children, 5; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 7; pupils generally in attendance, 45.

Bangor Church, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 8; total, 9; communicants, about 47; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 50.

St. Thomas's Church, Berks County.

Baptisms, adult, 1; communicants, about 40; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 45; funerals in none of these parishes known; marriages in all three, 6.

Report of the Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 300; baptisms, adults, 24; infants, 32; total, 56; confirmed, 41; communicants, added, 53; died or removed, 16; present number, 510; marriages, 10; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 40; total, 144; Sundays schools, male 3; teachers, 20; pupils, 200; Female, 4; teachers, 35; pupils, 400; total, schools, 7; teachers, 55; pupils, 600; bible classes, 7; members, 112; Collections, Episcopal Fund, $44,08; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $115,77, Missionary and other purposes, $1641; total, $1800,85.

The rector having been absent in Europe for the benefit of his health, only returned to resume the duties of this Parish, in the autumn of last year, since which period he has had abundant cause for gratitude to the great head of the church for the many marked tokens of divine favor that have attended his labours.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of the Swedish churches.

Gloria Dei Church.

Baptisms, 78; marriages, 51; confirmed, 6; communicants, about 40; families not known; public services, on Sundays, 104; on week days, 35; total, 139; children catechised, about 50; times, 6; Sunday schools, 2; Infant schools, 1; teachers in female school, 10; scholars, about 75; in male school, teachers, 7; scholars, about 60; Library in male school, 140 vols.; in female do., 250; contributions to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $20; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $15; General Domestic Missions, $20; Female Episcopal Tract Society, $10; Philadelphia Bible Society, $10; total, $75.

The rector regrets that he has nothing favourable to report in relation to the wished-for connection of the churches of which he has charge, with the Convention of the diocese. While such connection is desired by many of the members, it is objected to by others, and without unanimity the object cannot be accomplished. Prejudice, however, in regard to this measure is gradually giving way, and though the proposed connection be delayed, there is no doubt of its ultimate accomplishment.

The rector officiates at each of the Swedish churches in the county, once a month. As the clergymen connected with him

as assistant ministers devote their attention particularly to those churches, he refers to their reports for the services performed there.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

This church is in a condition no less flourishing than at the last report. The attendance has considerably increased,—many have been added to the Lord. The regular services, are two on the Lord's day, a lecture on Wednesday evening, and a bible class on Saturday evening. There are also services occasionally on some of the seasons, celebrating the Festivals and Fasts of the church.

The Sunday schools are very much in the same condition. They are regarded by the rector as a mighty auxiliary in his labours, and are managed by a band of affectionate, devoted, untiring, and pious teachers, who are always ready to hold up his hands and encourage his heart. He feels blessed indeed in having such aids, while exercising the arduous duties of the ministry.

The prosperity of this church may be judged of by the consideration, that though not three years have elapsed since its consecration, yet it is large in numbers, extensive in influence, and promises soon to be conspicuous among its sister churches of the city.

Collections have been made for various objects recommended by the church.

There have been—marriages, 18; burials, 13; confirmed 35; baptised, adults, 10; infants, 68; total, 78; communicants added, 54; removed, 9; deceased, 3; present number, 166.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 187; adults, 548; children, 320; total 868. Baptisms, adults, 11; infants, 50; total, 61; confirmed 18; communicants, last reported, 225; added, 34; died, 5; removed, 22; present number, 232; marriages, 17, burials, 26; public services, on Sundays, 111, other days, 49; total 160; children catechized, 350; times, 12; monthly in the church. Sunday Schools; male, 3; teachers, 19; pupils, 180; Female, 3; teachers, 34; pupils, 295; total, schools, 6; teachers, 53; pupils, 475; bible class, 1; (female,) members, 60; taught weekly

by the Rector; collections, Episcopal fund, $50; Convention fund, $20; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $50; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $50; Missionary, Parochial, and other purposes, $553 17. The Rector has preached elsewhere 48 times, and officiated at 16 funerals without the parish.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.

Congregation, families, 44; adults, 98; children, 75; total, 173; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 12; total, 13; confirmed; 9; communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 6; present number, 62; marriages, 3; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 97; other days, 62; total, 159; children catechized; times, 3; Sunday Schools, male, teachers, 8; pupils, 44; female, teachers, 10; pupils, 36; total, schools, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 80; collections, total, $127.

In the above number of burials is included that of the Rev. John Taylor, at whose funeral I read the burial service, and preached in Mercer county. And besides the Sunday services in the foregoing report, I have preached four times at a school house in the country.

Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the last convention, I have performed divine service and preached but once; I would not have officiated in that one instance, but for the sudden illness of a brother, the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Cattskill, New York. I need not repeat my reasons for not being employed in the appropriate duties of my profession.

Report of the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 100; total, 110; confirmed, 34; communicants, added, 26; died or removed, 14; present number, 206; marriages, 7; burials, 21; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 66; total 174; children catechized, 150; times, 7; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 11; pupils, 90; female, 2; teachers, 35; pupils, 253; parish adult school, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 25; parish day school, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 100; total, schools, 5; teachers, 54; pupils, 468; collections, for the Episcopate, $200; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $497; Missionary and other purposes, $2428; total, $3125.

The general condition of the parish is prosperous. The several schools continue to flourish in numbers and efficiency.—Funds have been contributed to erect a new Sunday school house, which will be completed during the summer. The plan of quarterly collections for church objects, continues with undiminished success. The average amount of the collections in church, since the last report, for each quarter, is $634, and the whole sum raised through this medium, amounts to $3125, in addition to the subscriptions of about $2000. to build the Sunday school house, and to contributions for other purposes which could not be here named. I have statedly officiated at Christ church hospital, which contains 35 inmates. In consequence of my election to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Western New York, this parish will become vacant on my consecration to that high office. I desire to leave on record my testimony to the uniform kindness received from the vestry and congregation, to their ready reception of my instructions, to their liberality and zeal, to their love of peace and good order in the church, to their unwavering attachment to the Gospel of Christ, the doctrine, worship, and usages of his Church, and the authorities and institutions of the Diocese. With humble gratitude, I bless God, who giveth the increase, for the success he has vouchsafed to my defective labours; and for having cast my lot in a parish, and in a Diocese where I have received uninterrupted kindness, and the most affectionate attentions. I separate from my Bishop, parish, and brethren, both of the clergy and laity, with emotions of sorrow, tempered only by convictions of duty, and by the full persuasion that I shall be followed in my new sphere of labor by their fervent and affectionate prayers.

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Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, (Swedish,) Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 1; total, 4; communicants, present number, 32; confirmed, 6; burials, 5; marriages, 4: public services on Sundays, 52; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 30.

In St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, divine service has been performed once a month during the year—Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 2; confirmed, 3.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 200; baptisms, adults, 11; infants, 38; total, 49; confirmed, 40; communicants, added, 40; died or removed, 10; present number, 250; marriages, 12; burials, 38; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 121; total, 225; children catechized, 250; times, 10; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 67; female, 3; teachers, 32; pupils, 214; total, schools, 4; teachers, 42; pupils, 281; collections, Episcopal Fund, $50 53; Society Advancement of Christianity, $330; Missionary and other purposes, $2379 67; total, 2760 20.

The system of quarterly collections for Church objects continues to be successful. The amount thus collected the past year, is $1657 79. Of the whole amount contributed by this parish since the last report, there has been appropriated to Sunday schools, $370 65; Missions, $11 39; Prayer Book Societies, $141 61; Diocesan and Episcopal Funds, $100 53; aiding poor Churches, $309; General Theological Seminary, $300; poor of the congregation, $399 41; total, $2760 20.

The rector desires to acknowledge, with devout thankfulness, the increasing prosperity of his parish, in both its spiritual and temporal concerns.

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants, 16; communicants, removed, 6; present number, 15; Sunday school, male teacher, 1; female, 5; children about 70.

The rector desires to be thankful to the Lord, for the amount of good which has been effected in his Church. The Sunday school which was, at one time, quite deprived of teachers, is now provided, several pious young ladies, and a gentleman, from the larger churches in the city, having volunteered their services in the laudable employment of teaching the young the way to Christ and to glory. The Church is well attended, not only in the morning, but likewise in the evening. During the last year, there has been a remarkable improvement in the attendance on the evening services. The Church is, unfortunately, not well located, or a greater interest might be excited. It is too retired; it is too far removed from the main street. When the Girard College, in

the vicinity, is completed, it will be found necessary to have a new and more commodious edifice erected, and one which shall be more easy of access than the present.

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Report of the Rev. William Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 90; adults, about 400; children, 175; total, 575; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 20; total, 22; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 4; present number, 90; marriages, 6; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 58; total, 166; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 97; female, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 102; total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 199; bible class, 1; members, 25.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 41; total, 45; confirmed, 16; marriages, 12; burials, 13. The number of communicants is not exactly ascertained, but is about 240. Public services, on Sundays, 112; other days, 35; total, 147. The children have been frequently catechized in the Sunday school; and publicly in the Church every Sunday afternoon during Lent and for some weeks after Easter.

Contributions, Episcopal Fund, $53; Advancement Society, $218 16; Convention fund, $50; total, ascertained for various purposes, $1,111 46. A considerable amount besides has been raised, but, having been obtained by subscriptions, cannot be known.

Instead of the usual exercises of the bible class, I substituted, during the past year, a course of lectures on the 39 articles, which I continued until the present month.

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Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

In conformity with the requisition of the Canon, I repeat that I have been as frequent in the discharge of clerical duties as the state of my health would permit. I have preached in various Churches and most of the public Institutions, administered the Holy Communion and visited the sick.

Since my last report I have baptised two adults.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, and missionary to Christ Church, Jersey Town, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia County.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.

Congregation, families, 49; baptisms, infants, 11; communicants, added, 2; removed, 6; present number, 69; public services, on Sundays, 48; other days, 45; total, 93; marriages, 10; burials, 4; children catechized, in Sunday school; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 8; female teachers, 13; total, teachers, 21; pupils, male, 25; female, 40; total, 65; bible class, 1; collections, Episcopal Fund, $3,33; Soc. for the Adv. of Christianity, $5,48; Convention Fund, $4,36½; Missionary, Sunday school, and Parish purposes, about 47; total, $60,17½.

The tower of the Church is now finished, in which a bell, weighing three hundred and ten pounds, has been placed, which is of very good tone and respectable power. The spiritual condition of the congregation is encouraging.

Christ Church, Jerseytown.

Congregation, families, 16; baptisms, infants, 9; communicants, added, 2; present number, 26; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 20; other days, 12; total, 32; Collections, Missionary society, $4,37½.

A subscription has lately been circulated for painting and otherwise improving the Church, and fencing the Church lot.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.

Baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, added, 4; present number, 19; public services, on Sundays, 9; other days, 11; total, 20; marriages, 1; Collections have been taken up during the year, but not yet handed over.

It is gratifying to state of this Church, that though they are surrounded with error, and exposed to the arts of seducing teachers, they still maintain the stedfastness of their faith in Christ.

Orangeville.

Baptisms, infants, 1; burials, 1; public services, Sundays, 10; other days, 1.

Besides the services enumerated in the foregoing reports, there are to be added, preaching twice at Wilkesbarre, twice at Danville, twice at Mauch Chunk, and twice at Muncy.

Report of the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rector of Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany, Wayne County.

During the period from May 1st, 1838, to September 1st of the same year, I had charge of St. John's Parish in York, and on the 1st of September I took charge of this Parish, which includes Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany. There have been 2 adult and 1 infant baptism, total of baptisms, 3. We have had no visit from the Bishop during the year, and can of course report no confirmations. 4 have been added to the communion; 4 communicants have removed from the parish, and the present number of communicants is 21. There have been 2 marriages and no burials. The public services, on Sundays have been 79, besides 6 at Prompton; other days, 17. The Sunday school numbers 11 teachers, and about 48 scholars. Collections, Soc. for the Adv. of Chris. $15,07½; Sunday school and S. S. Library, $13; Convention Fund, $5; total, $33,07½.

Report of the Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington Co.

Christ Church, Fayette County.

Congregation, families, 40; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 9; total, 11; confirmed, 14; communicants, added, 13; died or removed; 7; present number, 50; marriages, 6; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 164; children catechized, 25; times, 12; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 25; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 55; bible classes, 1; members, 12; Collections, Convention Fund, $10; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $15; missionary and other purposes, $302,43, total, $327.43.

The state of this Parish is sufficiently encouraging to stimulate its Rector to renewed and greater efforts for its prosperity, than he has heretofore made. There is a good degree of unanimity existing in the congregation; and a hearty desire on the part of many, to co-operate with their pastor in efforts to promote the interest of the Church of God, and win souls to Christ, its exalted Head. The ladies are active in raising funds, by the use of their needle, for the purchase of lamps and other furniture for the Church, and by their own donations, and the donations of the members of the congregation in general, secured by their solicitation, they are affording the lamp of the word of God, to those who have it not.

St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington Co.

There has been no improvement in the state of this Church since the last Convention. Three persons were confirmed by the Bishop when he last visited the parish, who were added at the same time to the communion.

Most of the communicants have removed from the parish, who were interested in the welfare of the Church, and on whom the Rector could rely for co-operation with him in efforts to promote the interests of religion.

Report of the Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.

Congregation, families, 60: total, about 300: baptisms, infants, 10: confirmed, 6: communicants, added, 11: died or removed, 10: present number, 72: marriages, 1: burials, 5: public services, on Sundays, 75: other days, 39: total, 114: children catechized, 6 times: Sunday schools, male and female united: teachers, 17: pupils, about 100: bible class, 1: members, about 25.

This Parish continues in the prosperous condition reported last year. The public services are well attended, and in its temporal affairs there is a decided improvement. The Church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and painted—the public square, within which it stands, has been enclosed and ornamented with trees, and the entire revenues of the Corporation given to the support of the Rector. Its spiritual condition has not kept pace with its temporal, but there are sufficient indications of improvement to cause the Rector to "thank God and take courage."

Since the last report, three of the Sunday School teachers have joined the communion of the Church, making 13 out of 17 teachers who are the professed disciples of Jesus. The faithful instructions of such persons cannot fail to be accompanied by the divine blessing, and although, from various causes, the numbers of the pupils have lessened, the condition of the Sunday School is in all respects much improved.

The Bible Class has been continued under a system similar to that formerly reported; but less interest has been manifested in it than in the preceding year.

The Parish Library has been greatly enlarged, and is opened at the entrance of the Church at the close of every Sunday's services. It has been used by the parishioners with much interest, and it is hoped, much profit.

The Rector has preached occasionally at the borough Poor House, at Chambersburg, and at one or two places in the country around. Although circumstances have prevented the formation of a Parish at Chambersburg, he is of the opinion that this and the adjoining counties, form as good a missionary field as any in the Diocese. Means of support, sufficient to make the trial, can be furnished from the Parochial Missionary Fund.

The apostolic plan of offerings for religious purposes, "*on the first day of the week*," has been steadily pursued in this Parish, and with much success.

The Rector desires again to record his grateful sense of the continued affectionate attentions of his people, and his fervent prayer that the richest blessings of the Christian Covenant may rest upon them and their children forever.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia.

The Rector reports that he was called to the charge of St. Mary's church in August last, and that there has been a great increase in his congregation; the pews are nearly all rented, and the Wardens intend making more in the two vacancies near the pulpit. A bell weighing 400lbs. has been placed in the tower, and a number of conveniences have been procured for the better ordering of divine service. The number of families is about 40; present attendants on public worship, about 200; communicants, about 35; as yet no Sunday school, but it is contemplated. In short, the prospect is *every way* encouraging in this parish, and the Rector finds warm hearts and liberal hands for the prosperity of the church. Already more than three hundred dollars have been obtained for the various purposes in the premises.

Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, in Southwark, county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 11; infants, 75; total, 86; confirmed, 41; communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 4; present number, 48; 37 to be added on Whitsunday; total, 85; married, 5; burials, 16; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156; children catechised every Sunday; Sunday schools, males, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 144; female, 1; teachers, 19; pupils, 173; infant schools, 1; teachers 5; pupils 170; total, schools, 3; teachers 38; pupils, 447; bible classes, 2; collections, Society

for the Advancement of Christianity, $20; missionary and other purposes, $20; total, $40.

The church purchased for this congregation was consecrated on the 14th of April, 1839.—It is not yet paid for. A meritorious effort, we rely upon the liberality of the Episcopalians of this city to sustain it.

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Report of the Rev. J. L. Harrison, Rector of Christ church, Greensburg.

My services to the congregation of Christ church, Greensburg, as the Rector, commenced on the 18th November last, since which time the church has been opened for the celebration of public worship every Lord's day, and I am inclined to think that the prospect is of a promising character.

Funerals, 1 infant; marriages, 2; collections, for the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, $10; for the Diocesan Fund, $4 56; no other collections have been made, not having a copy of the Canons of the Diocese I do not know what collections are required. Sunday scholars, female, 20; male, 14; total 34.

As the principal of the Greensburgh Female Seminary, I have to attend to the instruction of about 30 pupils.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county.

Baptisms, infants, 2; communicants, added, 2; died or removed 1; present number, 32; marriages, 2; burials, 2: public services, on Sundays 52; other days, 27; total, 79; children catechised, 24; times, 4; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 18; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 29; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 47; bible classes, 1; members, 15; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 75; Missionary and other purposes, $35; total, $40 75.

In addition to the regular services in the church on Sundays and other days, our weekly lecture is still continued during the winter, in a school house near the church. And although in regard to spiritual things, nothing special has taken place during the past year, yet still the Rector is happy in having good grounds to believe that his labours, during that period, have not been in vain.

Our Sunday school still continues its useful labours—imparting to the young a knowledge of those things that belong to their everlasting peace. The Rector cannot mention in terms

of praise sufficiently high, the devotedness of that little band of teachers who assist him in the discharge of this important part of his duty.

It affords the Rector great pleasure, also, in stating that, during the past year, a few of the ladies of his congregation, have, with praiseworthy zeal for the prosperity of the church, formed themselves into a sewing society; the avails of whose labours, for the present year, will be applied to the wants of our own church; but in future, they will flow into some of those channels of Christian benevolence, now open in the church, for extending the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

The Rector is also happy in being able to state, that the debt with which this congregation has been burdened ever since the erection of its church, is now liquidated.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 1; total, 2; communicants, added, 1; present number, 27; marriages, 1; collections, Convention Fund, $10; missionary and other purposes, $12 50; total, $22 50.

Although during the past year, there has not been such a marked progress in divine things, as the Rector could have desired; yet there has evidently been a growing interest in the minds of many of his hearers, in regard to those things which belong to their everlasting peace, and he would fain hope, that the time appointed of the Lord, to favour this portion of his Zion, is not far distant, when there shall be many "added to the Church of such as shall be saved."

Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.

During the past ecclesiastical year I have been daily employed in teaching Theological students the Hebrew language, and I have also performed such ministerial duties as opportunity and physical ability would permit.

Report of the Rev. C. V. Kelly, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, from the first of October, 1838, to the first of May, 1839.

Number of pew holders on the first of October, 1838, when the present rector took charge, 29; added since, 22; total, 51; number of communicants on the first of October, 1838, 41; added since, 11; total, 52; left the town since the first of

April, 8; total, 44; baptisms, 6; confirmed, 2; marriage, 1; deaths, 3.

The children of the congregation are catechized on the first Sunday of each month. The services in the Church are as follows—on Sunday, two; on Thursday evening of each week, one; during each week of Lent, two; every day in Passion week, besides on the other festivals and fasts of the Church.

Collections are as follows—from the first of October, 1838, to the first of April, 1839: for the propagation of the Gospel in this Diocese. $23 50; Domestic Missionary Fund, $34; Foreign do. $17; African Mission, $10; Diocese of Illinois, $5; for Sunday school purposes, $10; Convention Fund, $21; other collections within the last six months, $300. The rector refers to the report of the state of the Sunday school attached to his Church, already forwarded to the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, and St. Michael's Church, Wayne Township, Armstrong county.

Saint Paul's Church, Kittanning.

Congregation, families, 33; adults, 88; children, 85; total, 170; baptisms, children, 20; confirmed, 12; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 4; present number, 23: burials, 6: public services, on Sundays, 45: other days, 2: total, 47: Sunday schools, 1: male teachers, 3: male pupils, 8: female teachers, 4: female pupils, 17: total, schools, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 25: bible class, none distinct from the Sunday school: collections, Convention Fund, $3 50.

St. Michael's Church, Wayne Township.

Congregation, families, 30: adults, 93: children, 79: total, 172: baptisms, children, 11: confirmed, 31: communicants, added, 11: died or removed, 3: present number, 49: marriages, 1: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 24: other days, 4: total, 28: Sunday schools, 1: male teachers, 5: male pupils, 20; female teachers, 1: female pupils, 15: total, schools, 1: teachers, 6: pupils, 35: collections, for parochial purposes, $13 42.

In my report of last year I held out the prospect of being able to raise a congregation in Red Bank township, and I am now happy to state that my wishes have been accomplished

in the organization of the parish of St. Ann's. Early in November, I relinquished the charge of this congregation to the Rev. Joseph Adderly. It then numbered 17 families; 24 communicants: 6 Sunday school teachers, and 45 pupils: 16 persons had also been confirmed: 8 public services held: and 8 children baptized.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Missionary, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and Grace Church, Hulmeville.

It is with the mingling feelings of humiliation and thankfulness that the Minister of these parishes adverts to their condition. While there is reason to believe that an increasing interest is taken in the services of the Church, it is not doubtful that most, even of those most seriously disposed, are but almost persuaded to become devoted followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. The Lord's supper has been administered twice at St. Andrew's, with the addition of two communicants. One, however, having died, and the other removed, we have now again, strictly speaking, no communicants belonging to this Church. There have been 68 public services in this parish, and 3 burials. At Grace Church, there have been 60 public services, the communion has been administered three times, and two have been added, making the present number five. There has been one confirmed, one marriage, and one burial in a free grave-yard in the neighbourhood. In this parish there is a bible class, and a large Sunday school. Since the rector of these Churches removed to Newtown, the Sunday school of St. Andrew's, which was held at his house during the winter, has been discontinued for want of teachers. Collections have been taken up in both Churches for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, the Convention Fund, and other purposes. At Grace Church, upwards of $100 have been raised by the ladies of the congregation, for the purpose of paying for the church-yard, and at St. Andrew's, $65 more of the debt on the Church have been paid off by the liberality of brethren at a distance; while improvements have been, and are again about to be made in the church edifice. Besides the regular public services which have been performed in these churches, and a few in distant places; a multitude of families have been visited, especially in Yardleyville and its vicinity, and the gospel has been liberally preached from house to house.

Report of the Rev. W. B. Lacey, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

Baptism of infants, 10; adults, 2: communicants, 10: confirmed, 8.

Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county.

Congregation, families, 39; adults, 118; children, 62; total, 180; baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, present number, 37; marriages, 4; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 48; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2; Missionary and other purposes, $5 12; total $7 12.

The system of Sunday school instruction will be attended to, as soon as a collection of books, which the benevolence of several ladies of Germantown has procured, shall have arrived—they are expected in a few days. Nothing of importance has occurred since the last report. It may be well, however, to state that on Easter Monday there was the most interesting meeting, *in some respects*, that has been held in the church for many years. Were it not for one thing, the triumphant prosperity of this church would be unquestionable.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

Present number of communicants, 23; public services, on Sundays, 24; collection for the Convention Fund, $23 71.

It may be interesting to state that the support of your missionary, for half of the time, the present year, in this parish, has been raised principally by the young ladies and gentlemen to the very great encouragement of those who have heretofore borne the chief burden of supporting the gospel in this place. It may be proper also to remark that his salary for the year ending last Easter, from both of his parishes, including the Missionary stipend, but exclusive of donations from abroad, has not exceeded two hundred and fifty dollars. His limited support and the embarrassments growing out of it, have been a check upon his usefulness, by compelling him to labour with his hands to guard against the reproach of denying the faith, because he provides not for his own household. He is resolved, however, to let none of those things trouble him any longer, but labour for the Church and toil for the furtherance of the Gospel, till labour and toil shall end.

Report of the Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

Congregation, families, 40; average attendance, 250; baptisms, (prior to Oct. 1st, per register, adults, 4;) since Oct. 1st, infants, 4; adults, 4; total, adults, 8; infants, 4; communicants, Oct. 1st, 16; added, 17; present number, 33; confirmed, (prior to Oct. 1st,) 23; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 42; other days, 28: Sunday school, male teachers, 9; female, 12; total, 21; male scholars, 75: female, 115: total, 190: collections, Society for Advancement of Christianity, $10: Missionary and other purposes, $38; total, $48.

This church became vacant in July last, by the resignation of the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst. The present Rector entered upon his duties upon the first Sunday in October, and his report embraces only the intervening time. The church, however was regularly opened during the vacancy, through the kind assistance chiefly of the city clergy. Its present condition and prospects are encouraging. The attendance on the services, as well as the interest manifested in them has increased, and as the church becomes better known, it has gained in the affection and confidence of the community. The Sunday school has been much prospered, and there is a degree of serious attention both in the school and congregation highly cheering to the pastor. The friends of the church are now exerting themselves for the completion of the building, and there is reason to hope that this will be effected in the course of next fall.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehannah county, and Missionary.

Congregation, families not yet fully ascertained, supposed to be about 23: baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 3: total, 4: communicants, added, 1: present number supposed to be about 30; public services, on Sundays, 18: marriages, 1: Sunday school, lately opened, teachers, males, 4: females, 3: total 7: scholars, males, 13: females, 16: total, 29: collections, convention fund, $4 65: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $18 32: other purposes, $16: total, $38 97.

The Ladies Sewing Society, though small, has done something, and pledged themselves for enough to pay for a communion set, and a carpet for the church, already obtained.

The congregation too has manifested a commendable zeal n an effort to secure the entire services of a clergyman, in-

stead of the one half formerly enjoyed, which effort has been crowned with success.

From the short time I have had charge of this parish, having commenced here on the last Sunday in February, and from there being no parish register, I am unable to give so full a report as would be desirable. Our prospects on the whole are encouraging.

Before commencing here, I was stationed at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county, of which the following is my report.

Baptisms, infants, 2: in other places, 3: total, 5: confirmed, 3; communicants, removed, 3: added, 4: present number, 28: public services, on Sundays, 78: other days, 14: other places, on Sundays, 26: other days, 8: total, 126: marriages, 1, at Meadville: children catechized in the Sunday school in Rockville, and in Waterford, in my own room: collections, for parochial purposes, $7 25.

Report of the Rev. Alfred Louderback, Rector of Christ church, Danville, Columbia county, and St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county, and Missionary.

Christ Church, Danville.

Congregation, families, 14; adults, 30; children, 27; total in attendance, varying from 50 to 130; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 1; communicants, added, 5; removed, 1; present number, 12; mariages, 2; burials, 2; public services, 2 every other Sabbath, and one every Friday evening; Sunday school, male teachers, 5; female, 6; pupils, about 60; collections, for Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $5.

St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.

Congregation, families 22; adults, 63; children, 35; total in attendance, about 130; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; communicants, added, 1; present number, 13; marriages, 1; burials, 1; public services, 2 every other Sabbath; Sabbath school, male teachers, 6; female teachers, 8; pupils about 70.

In both of these parishes the prospect of building up the Church is encouraging. But it will require time, patience, effort, and dependence upon the blessing of God. They are yet in their infancy. In consequence of severe and protracted illness in the Rector's family, his regular duties have been much interrupted for several months past. Hence among other things of necessity neglected, are the required collec-

tions. Hoping to be able to resume his duties again, the Rector is encouraged to look to God for success in his efforts to advance the cause of Christ, and save the souls of men.

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Report of the Rev. J. B. Noblit, Rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Baptisms, infants, 5; communicants, died, 1; present number, 20; marriages, 1.

Since the late and highly esteemed Rector resigned his charge in September last, the church has been closed, in consequence of which very little material presents itself for report. This church has heretofore been connected with St. John's church, Huntington, and St. Stephen's, Thompsontown, which connexion has been, and is now discontinued; not from any disposition on the part of the congregation to deprive their brethren from having the "Word preached," but from a conviction that the church will not prosper *in this place*, without a regular service. Therefore they have determined, by the blessing of God, and the assistance of their brethren, to support a clergyman the whole of his time.

The Sunday school, which has been under the superintendance of a devoted layman of the Church, is now flourishing. Present number of teachers, 13; scholars, 70.

The services of the church are well attended, particularly at night, and harmony and good feeling seem to prevail among our people, and we trust the *Great Head* of the Church will more abundantly shed abroad in our hearts a love of His name, increase in us true religion, and nourish us with all goodness, and bring many who never knew him to a saving knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus Christ.

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Report of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

Congregation, families, 63; adults, 155; children, 106; total, 261; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 33; total, 35; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 7; removed, 1; present number 31; marriages, 4; burials, 18; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 29; total, 125; children catechised, 100; times, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 90; female, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 115; total, schools, 2; teachers, 28; pupils, 205; collections, Episcopal Fund, $20 33; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $20; General Missionary purpo-

ses, $17; Sunday schools, $30; Convention Fund, $5; Parish purposes $306 25; total, $398 58.

From the above statistics of the parish, there appears an increase in the number of its members, which may be considered a favourable sign in its present condition, particularly as two families have been lost by removal to the city. The fluctuating character of our community producing changes in the congregation, has always proved a source of discouragement, and during the past year there has been experienced the loss of valuable members, while others have been added. From these additions, there has been an increase to the number of communicants which forms the most encouraging promise in the parish; the monied affairs of the parish are not yet in the condition we desire, as various causes, during the past year, have combined to prevent our accomplishing as much as was anticipated: the various collections for all objects have been larger than during previous years, and the one made through private donations in behalf of parish objects has resulted in the improvement of our church edifice; five pews have been added, and such changes made as has caused the entire room of the building to be occupied—the whole has been repainted, and aided by the kind liberality of city friends, the chancel has been newly decorated, and altered to be more convenient for the purposes of public worship. Our Sunday schools are indebted to the teachers and scholars of St. Peter's church Sunday School, (Philad.) for a liberal donation towards the increase of their library, which has proved of essential benefit. A weekly lecture has been sustained since November, and the practice of afternoon, in place of night services, has been continued. The attendance upon all occasions of public worship has improved, and more interest been manifested in the observance of holy seasons in the church.—From a general view of the present condition of the parish, it may be thought that though there is not manifested that fullness of spiritual fruit which is earnestly desired, there has not been a falling backward, and on this is grounded the hope that future labours may, through the blessing of God, result in a more abundant harvest.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county.

Baptisms, children, 5: families, 67: communicants, added, 7: present number, 70: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days,

16: total, 68: marriages, 3: burials, 4: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 4: pupils, 30: female, 1: teachers, 4: pupils, 20: total, schools, 2: teachers, 8: pupils, 50: children catechised, 20: times, 2: collections, Convention Fund, $4 23: Episcopal Fund, $4: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $12 60: total, $20 83.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook Township, Chester county.

Baptisms, adults, 1: children, 4: total, 5: congregation, families, 96: communicants, added, 6: died, 2: removed 2: present number, 51: marriages, 2: burials, 1: children catechised, 12: times, 2: collections, Episcopal Fund, $2 78: Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $13 25: total, $16 03.

Report of the Rev. T. H. Mitchell, Rector of St. John's Church, Mercer co.

At the expiration of a year, I resigned my pastoral charge of Christ Church, Allegheny—and under the direction of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, transferred my ministerial services to Mercer county. To the town of Mercer I devote half my time, and the remainder, at present, to Newcastle, in the same county. Not having access to the previous Journals of the Convention, I am unable to state when the Parish of St. John's, Mercer, ceased to be in effective action. Not more than half a dozen Episcopalians reside there, without a place of worship, and with the *rare* services held by a transient clergyman. I now hold divine service in the Court House, morning and afternoon, on each alternate Sunday, and am then favored with a truly respectable and attentive audience. From the Ministers and Congregations of the three Christian denominations already settled here, our Episcopal services, and the small band united with myself, have received the most marked attention and Christian fellowship. We have set ourselves out to cultivate peace and co-operation, in the great work, of the salvation of sinners, and our efforts have been cordially responded to. Our duty is then plain, to exercise patient perseverance, and not only to humbly pray Almighty God to keep us from all things hurtful, but to lead us on to all things profitable for our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I have organized a Sunday School, which bids fair to succeed; the admirably suited Library of the Diocesan Society, has been introduced; we use no book of instruction save the

Bible and Common Prayer book; nor is it our intention to introduce any of the library works so abundantly poured into Sunday Schools; the extensively pernicious tendency of such *sort of reading*, this is not the place to enlarge upon.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks County.

Congregation, families, 41: adults, 114: children, 64: total, 178: baptisms, infants, 11: confirmed, 2: communicants, added, 8: removed, 7: repelled, 1: withdrawn, 3: present number, 54, marriages, 9: burials, 3: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 76: total, 180: children catechized, 30: times, 12: Sunday schools, male, 2: teachers, 11: pupils, 97: female, 2: teachers, 16: pupils, 108: total, schools, 4: teachers, 27: pupils, 205: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $8: Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $13: Missionary and other purposes, $253: total, $274.

The sum of fifty-nine dollars and fifty-eight cents has been paid tothe Board of Missions. Of this amount, twenty-five dollars and twenty-six cents, were the contributions of the scholars of the Sunday school, and by them appropriated to Mrs. Hill's school at Athens; the balance was collected at the monthly missionary meetings, and applied to Domestic Missions.

A branch of the Sunday school of Christ Church, has recently been established within the bounds of the parish, and in the immediate vicinity of a large iron manufactory. It presents an encouraging prospect of usefulness. The number of teachers and scholars, is included in the above statement.

Report of the Rev. H. J. Morton, Rector of St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 168: total, 625: baptisms, adults, 6: infants, 26: total, 32: confirmed, 33: communicants, added, 60: died or removed, 10: present number, 200: marriages, 11: burials, 6: public services, on Sundays, 72; other days, 32, total, 104: children catechized, 210: times, during Lent, and up to present date: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 8: pupils, 52: female, 2: teachers, 17: pupils, 214: total, schools, 3: teachers, 25: pupils, 266: bible class, 1: members, 16: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $125; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $150: missionary and other purposes, $2,400: total, $2,675.

St. James' Church was closed during the months of July, August, and September, during which repairs and alterations were made in the building to the amount of $5000, which sum was raised among the members of the congregation in donations and loans. During the past year, the standing debt of the Church has been reduced to $500.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Natt, Deacon, Missionary, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre county.

Congregation, families, 24: adults, 59: children, 33: total, 92: baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 12: total, 14; confirmed, 6: communicants, added, 15: removed, 2: present number, 15: marriages, 1: burials, 3: public services, on Sundays, 71: other days, 15: total, 86: bible class, 1: members, 12: Collections, missionary and other purposes, $35.

Since the consecration of the Church edifice, which occurred on the 4th of May 1838—the prospects of the Church have become still more encouraging than before. The liberality of several members of the congregation has made provision for the extinction of the greater portion of the debt incurred in building. A few individuals have become communicants, others are apparently on the eve of taking that step, and many either regularly or frequently attend public worship, who have hitherto been utterly negligent of that duty.

This section of country contains many whose parents were members of the Church, whose earliest recollections of religion are associated with her observances, and who have never been wholly alienated from her. The old and tattered prayer-book, not unfrequently that of our mother Church, has been found to have kept fresh in their memories "the more excellent way;" and to have prepared them to hail, with pleasure, the introduction of the Church. I have occasionally officiated at Philipsburg and Lewistown. The congregation at the former place, enjoys the constant services of a lay reader.

The public services at St. John's were interrupted for a few weeks, in consequence of my state of health.

Report of the Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware county.

Baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, 68: public services, Sundays, morning and evening: other days, in school houses and private dwellings, as opportunities offer: marriages, 2:

burials, 4: Sunday school, pupils, 52: female teachers, 4: male teachers, 2: collections, for the Convention, $1 50: for the Episcopal Fund, $5 75: for other purposes, $8 50.

It has been but a few months since the rector was called to this parish, and he is devoutly thankful for the increase of encouraging prospects.

Report of the Rev. William N. Pendleton, Rector of St. John's Church, New London ⋈ Roads and St. James' Church, West Marlborough.

The number of communicants is the same as on my last year's report, with the exception of one *removed* from St. John's Church, New London ⋈ Roads. There have been, as well as I recollect, two infant baptisms in the Church at West Marlborough, and one in St. John's Church, since my last report. The congregations at both Churches continue much the same in attendance and apparent religious condition. I have ministered to them with all fidelity, but cannot, in truth, report much apparent religious improvement in the people—may God in his wisdom give the increase. The Sunday school is much the same. The people are, or think themselves too poor, I find, to do anything, scarcely, for the enterprises of the Church—$3 only have been contributed to the general Missionary operations of the Church; there is actually no poorer Church, perhaps, in the land.

Report of the Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol.

Baptisms, infants, 19: adults, 7: marriages, 4: deaths, 12: communicants, 56: added, 13: Sunday schools, 2: scholars, 125: teachers, 12: collections, for benevolent purposes, $112: services in the Church, on Sundays, 104: on other occasions, 115.

On reviewing the labours of the past year, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

Report of the Rev. William Henry Rees, late Rector of St. David's Church, (Radnor,) Newtown, Delaware county; and Principal of the Mount Vernon Institute, Chester county, Pennsylvania.

My connection with this parish ceased on the twentieth of last September; to which time I have preached in the Church and elsewhere, 20 times, and married one couple. Not having access to the register, I am unable to report the baptisms.

The children of the congregation were catechized regularly on the first Sunday in every month.

Since my resignation of the parish, my whole attention has been devoted to the select school under my care. To the pupils, and elsewhere, I have preached, using the full service of the Church, 36 times: besides imparting to them instruction from the bible and catechism, every Sunday. I have also baptized 3 infants: married 5 couple, and attended one funeral.

Report of the Rev. John Reynolds, late Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, and St. James's Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county.

St. John's Church, Norristown.

Having resigned the charge of this congregation in October last, this report extends only to that period. There has been no material alteration in the state of the Church since the last Conventional Report; the hope then expressed has been realized, in the election of the Rev. Mr. Stem, by whose exertions there is little doubt, under the blessing of God, of increased prosperity.

Families, 40: adults, 100: children, 100: total, 200: baptisms, adult, 1: children, 13: total, 14: burials, 4: public services, on Sundays, 30: other days, 2: total, 32: children catechized, 15: times, 5: communicants, 40: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 12: scholars, 100: collections, $15.

St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery Co.

Congregation, families, 45: adults, 100: children, 150: total, 250: baptisms, adults, 3: infants, 5: total, 8: communicants, added, 6: died or removed, 3: present number, 70: burials, 7: public services, Sundays, 50: other days, 50: total, 100: Sunday school, teachers, 10: scholars, 60: bible class, 1: members, 30: collections, Missionary, $11: other purposes, $50: total, $61.

This congregation continues to flourish—the attendance on divine service is regular, and there is no doubt that the efforts of a faithful and zealous clergyman would rapidly advance its growth and welfare. May God send a man after his own heart.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Buck's county.

Communicants, added, 4: removed, 1: died, 1: whole number, 20: baptisms, 1: marriages, 1; Sunday schools, boys, 30: girls, 35: total, 65: teachers, 8.

Since the last convention, about $1300 have been subscribed by a few members of the congregation towards liquidating the debt by which the church has been encumbered, leaving a small amount still due. The prospects of the parish are encouraging, and there are many indications that the interests of Episcopacy are growing in this county.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Number of communicants, 60: added, 24: removed, 6: baptisms, 6, 1 adult and 5 children; confirmed, 17: marriages, 3: burials, 2: congregation, 56 families, and about 300 individuals: religious services, 106: 1 Sunday school, 12 teachers, and 80 pupils of both sexes: children of the school and of the congregation catechized on the last Sunday of every month, and monthly collections for the cause of missions made upon the same days. The amount of such collections, together with the other contributions, given to such objects as are recommended by the General and Diocesan Conventions, is about $200.

The details of a small country congregation, from year to year, are usually too unimportant to be made the theme of any general remarks—but the report now submitted, compared with those of former years, shews a steady increase in the small but interesting parish of Germantown. During the incumbency of the present Rector, who, as one exception to the general mutability of the clergy, has now been stationary for 14 years, he has had the satisfaction of seeing his congregation trebled both in the number of its families and communicants, as well as having had other gratifying evidences of its prosperity, and the usefulness of his humble, unremitted and continued labours; the latest indication of which is the determination of the vestry to enlarge the church accommodations, and to add some ornamental and convenient appendages to the church.

Report of the Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

Baptisms, infants, 17: communicants, added, 3: died or re-

moved, 2: present number about 70; marriages, 5: burials, 5: public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 17: total, 121: children catechized, 14: times, 26: bible class, 1: members, 12: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10: Missionary and other purposes, $525: total, $535.

The church at Easton is in a prosperous state, and supports her pastor without any further assistance from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity; the congregation have moreover purchased a parsonage, which is in part paid for.

Report of the Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Deacon, residing in Philadelphia.

Since my ordination, on Ash-Wednesday last, I have preached *twelves times*, read prayers *fifteen times*, and assisted on *two* occasions of communion.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford Township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 22: total, 24: communicants, died or removed, 3: present number 41: marriages, 15: burials, 20: public services, on Sunday morning in the church, afternoon in the lecture room, Frankford: children catechized during the month of June: Sunday schools, 2: teachers, male, 6: female 8: pupils, 120: bible class, 1; members, 8: collections, Episcopal fund, $5 67: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $50 04: Theological Seminary, $41 72: Foreign Mission, $21 18: Domestic, $21 18: Convention fund, $5 67: for books, $17 68: balance of debt on lecture room, $190; total, $353 14.

The Sunday school at Oxford church is necessarily, from local circumstances, discontinued during the winter. The present summer we purpose erecting a tower at the east end of the church, which will furnish a commodious vestry and Sunday school room, the funds being supplied by a family to whom the interests of this ancient church are dear. Although our prospects, at present, are not flattering, in Frankford, we are thankful that the debt on our lecture room and grounds is liquidated; we have a splendid lot, on which it is hoped, "Si Dominus voluerit," an Episcopal church will be erected.

Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, in the Borough of Muncy, Lycoming county.

Congregation, families, 43: baptisms, infants, 5: total, 5: communicants, added, 8: died, 1: removed, 1: present num-

ber, 53: marriages, 3: burials, 3: public services, on Sundays, 95: other days, 49: total, 144: children catechized in the Sunday school: Sunday school, 1: teachers, 12: pupils, male, 43: female, 37: total, 80: bible class, 1: members, 9: Society Advancement of Christianity, $8: Missionary purposes, $6 15.

During the past year, the Church has been enclosed by a neat fence, and trees have been planted about it. A room in the basement story, for the convenience of a lecture room, and Sunday school, is now nearly finished; and much is due to the liberality of Episcopalians in Philadelphia, towards this work. I am happy to state that the debt of the Church is liquidated.

I wish I could say the congregation was as prosperous in spiritual, as in temporal things. During the last winter, the congregation, in some degree, dwindled, but since the spring has opened, prospects seem to be more favorable, and I hope may still brighten.

At present, there seems to be but little prospect of establishing the Church at Williamsport, or of reviving it at Milton. Other denominations have pre-occupied the ground, and strong prejudice bids defiance to all attempts in favour of our liturgy. Other days, and more prosperous, may come, for which I will still labour and pray, but till then, there can be but small hope of success.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery county,

Reports that after the last Convention he continued in the exercise of his ministry, in St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, until the first of July, at which time he relinquished the charge of that congregation. In the month of February, he accepted the rectorship of St. John's Church, Norristown—but owing to the shortness of his residence there, and the severe indisposition under which he has laboured, part of the time, he is unable to make a definite report of the state of the parish. Judging, however, from the attendance at Church, and the general aspect of affairs, he is encouraged to hope for favourable things.

Since the last Convention, he has baptized two children, attended two funerals, and solemnized three marriages.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 212: adults, 490: children, 470:

total, 960: baptisms, adults, 18: infants, 32: total, 50: confirmed, 53: communicants, added, 60: died or removed, 14: present number, 309: marriages, 28: burials, 12: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 70: total, 174: children catechized monthly: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 20: pupils, 155: female, 1: teachers, 18: pupils, 186: total, schools, 2: teachers, 38: pupils, 341: bible classes, 3: members, 32: collections, Episcopal Fund, $32 16: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $100: Missionary and other purposes, $4613: total, $4745 16.

The movements of this parish continue to be marked by a steady onward course. Each succeeding year calls for warmer praise, and more fervent gratitude, to that Being without whose blessing we labour in vain, and spend our strength for naught.

To the sympathy and kindness of his people, displayed in numberless forms, the rector of this parish is deeply indebted; his only return can be made in increasing efforts to advance their spiritual interests, that they who sow and they who reap may finally rejoice together.

An increased anxiety for the extension of the Church and the salvation of men, both at home and abroad, has pervaded the minds and hearts of the congregation during the year. Their liberality to the cause of religion, in a pledge to raise the sum of $5000, as a contribution for the current year to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary operations of the Church, has, I rejoice to say, been amply repaid in the spiritual blessings which God hath graciously bestowed upon us. Undisturbed harmony has reigned among us; many *heads of households* have allied themselves to the Church by a visible profession, and, as is believed, to Christ, the founder of that Church by a living faith. Seven *teachers* in our Sunday schools have taken upon them the vows of our holy religion, and are thus prepared by *example*, as well as precept, to instruct the children committed to their care.

The teachers of our schools and bible classes, the "circle of industry," the "Dorcas Society," the "male and female associations of the Church for the promotion of religion," continue with unvarying zeal to prosecute, in the patience of hope, and with encouraging success, their respective works of faith and labours of love.

Four young men, in connection with this parish, are pursuing a course of Theological studies, preparatory to their

entrance upon the sacred duties of the ministry; it is humbly hoped that if their lives be spared, and they shall be admitted to that holy calling, they will approve themselves faithful ministers of Christ.

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Report of the Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, both in Delaware county.

Baptisms, adults, 6: infants, 20: total, 26: confirmed, 34: communicants, added, 9: died and removed, (I think) 16: communicants, present number, about 100: marriages, 8: burials, 8: public services, on Sundays, always twice: other days, 52: total, 156: Sunday schools, 2: pupils, male, 50: female, 50: total, 100.

The spiritual condition of the Church is, the rector thinks, improving, more especially in St. Martin's parish.

A debt standing against the Church at Chester, of $380, at the solicitation of the rector, has been relinquished. That Church, consequently, is now nearly free from debt. In the last named place we are *now* erecting a suitable building for a Sunday school and lecture room.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of Epiphany, in the City of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 19: infants, 33: total, 52: confirmed, 47: communicants, added, 70: died or removed, 4: present number, 363: marriages, 14: burials, 5: Sunday schools, male, 3: teachers, 24: pupils, 209: female, 3: teachers, 25: pupils, 266: total, schools, 6: teachers, 49: pupils, 475.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D.D. Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

Congregation, families, about 160; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 80; total, 86; confirmed, 34; communicants, added, 25; died or removed, 53; present number, 247; marriages, 11; burials, 43; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 50; total, 154; children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday school, male, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 58; female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 106; total, schools, 2; teachers, 20; pupils, 164; bible classes, 1; members, in Sunday school: Collections, Episcopal Fund, $36,70; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $100; Missionary and other purposes, $568: total, $704,70.

The Rector of this Church has officiated once at Freeport, Armstrong county, and in Christ Church, Allegheny Town.

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Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

During the preceding twelvemonth, my health has been more than usually imperfect. I have, however, endeavoured to labour according to the ability which God has given me.

By my record, I find, that I have preached twenty times at Churches in the city and adjoining country, six times at the Alms-House, five times at the Eastern Penitentiary, and thrice at the House of Refuge—baptized four children—officiated at one funeral—spent much time in visiting the sick—and attended the annual meeting of the "Board of Missions," at Boston, as Secretary of that body.

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Report of the Rev. E. Waylen, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, adults, 4: infants, 8: communicants, 52: confirmed, 24: burials, 5.

The rector entered on his pastoral duties in this parish on All Saint's day, 1838, two months after the Rev. W. E. Franklin's resignation thereof; since which, 24 communicants have been added, and the Sunday school has steadily improved, both in the number of the pupils and the engagedness and efficiency of the teachers. The stated Sunday services of the sanctuary have been well attended: besides which, and a lecture on Wednesday evenings, *every day* in the ecclesiastical calender is observed by public service and a sermon appropriate to the occasion—a practice which the rector has found very effectual in attaching the young people of the congregation to the Church in her distinctive features.

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Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler county, and Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong co.

St. Peter's Church, Butler.

Congregation, families, 33; adults, 77; children, 62; total, 139; baptisms, infants, 10; total, 10; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 2; present number, 51; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 4; total, 56; children catechized, times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 6; female, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 9; total, schools, 2; teachers, 5; pupils, 18; Collec-

tions, Seminary, $3,50; Missionary and other purposes, $7,50; total, $11,00.

Trinity Church, Freeport.

Congregation, families, 23; adults, 53; children, 43; total, 96; baptisms, children, 7; confirmed, 8; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 54; other days, 4; total, 58; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 16; female, 1; teachers, 4: scholars, 18; total, schools, 2; teachers, 9; children, 34; collections, for the Theological Seminary, $6,50; other purposes, $9,25; total, $15,75.

In addition to the above services, I preached at Mercer 3 times, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper, and baptized 3 children. I also preached 12 times at different places in the western counties.

Report of the Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester county.

Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, infants, 1: congregation, families, 16: adults, 38; children, 32: total, 70: communicants, added, 3: removed by death, 1: present number, 18: public services, on Sundays, 44: other days, 4: total, 48: burials, 2: children catechized, 7: times, 2. There is a Sunday school in this place, which is taught principally by members of the church: the parents of the greater part of the children who attend this school, being members of the Lutheran church, their children do not attend our worship. An infant school is about being established in this place, to be taught in the church, which we trust will be more immediately connected with it: collections, Episcopal fund, $1 65; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $1 35: Convention fund, $1 66: total, $4 66.

There was established in this place, last November, an adult school, which originated with a few of the female members of the church, who cannot be too highly commended for their self-denying and persevering efforts, through the inclemency of last winter, in so laudable and benevolent an enterprize: there are at present 12 adults in regular attendance, who are not only taught to read, but are also instructed in religious truths: in the exercises of this school, the book of common prayer is used, and we sincerely trust that it may be the

means of the spiritual improvement of all who attend this school. There was an effort made some time back, to establish in this parish, a Female Missionary Society, but meeting with no encouragement, it was abandoned as impracticable: one of the objects had in view in the establishment of such a society, was, a desire, if possible, to bring the female members of this parish more together, and thus to create amongst them a closer bond of christian fellowship and feeling.

St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester County.

This church was organized last summer, and made in connection with the church at Pottstown, a missionary station, under the auspices of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania: connected with this church there are families, 7: adults, 22: children, 6: public services, on Sundays, 42. The services of this church are held in a very small and inconvenient school house, and too far removed from the village for the attendance of many who might be disposed to attend the services. The erection of a suitable building for public worship, has been in agitation for some time; but no definite action has as yet taken place, notwithstanding the missionary has repeatedly urged upon those more immediately interested, the necessity of erecting, as soon as possible, a suitable and convenient building for public worship, in order to the increase and prosperity of this parish.

In addition to the above services, the minister has also officiated on Sundays 12 times, in St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, and on week days 3 times.

Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, late Rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington.

As I have so recently resigned the Rectorship of this parish, and laboured through nearly the whole of the conventional year, I send you an account of those labours. My parochial duties were as follows:

Baptisms, infants, 34; adults, 1: burials, 15: marriages, 3: confirmations, 6; communicants added, 10: removed, 3: present number, 34: families, added, 14: present number, 31: public services on Sunday, 104: other days, 51; total, 155: children catechised, about 50, 10 times: Sunday schools, male, 1; female, 1: teachers, male, 5: female, 6: pupils, male, 60: female, 60.

The church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty

God, by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 4th of last June, since which there has been a gradual increase of the congregation. Though the difficulties in establishing the church in that district were great; the discouragements many; the trials sometimes painfully severe; still, by persevering effort, in reliance upon Divine aid, that object has been accomplished. The word preached has not been in vain, but mighty, through God, to the pulling down of some of the strong holds of Satan. A vine has here been planted, which by the blessing of God, will grow, and flourish, and thrive; and many in that district, it is to be hoped, will be refreshed by the fruit thereof.

The cost of the building was $4400, all of which, with the exception of $500, has been paid; this sum has been advanced by several members of the vestry, to be refunded. It is a source of great satisfaction to me, that this church has been left in able and proper hands, that it has no heavy debt hanging over it, and that all things are prepared, to enable the present incumbent to progress in his important charge.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain of the U. S Navy,

Respectfully reports, that, for several months succeeding last Convention, he was occupied in assisting his son, at Westchester and Concord. But being informed that the church at Hamiltonville was vacated by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Breintnall, he proffered his services, and officiated in the same, till the introduction of the Rev. Richard D. Hall, the present Rector.

That on the termination of his leave of absence, on the 1st of October, he was ordered to the Naval Asylum, on the borders of this city. Since that period he has regularly officiated there every Sunday morning, and he hopes, from the devout attention and exemplary deportment of the officers and sailors attached to the station, with a happy effect.

He has attended 5 funerals of officers and men of the naval corps: celebrated two marriages: baptized two children, and occasionally assisted his brethren in their more laborious duties.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ Church.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity Church, and St. Andrew's Church.

Alleghany—Christ Church.

Lawrenceville—St. John's Church.

Laceyville—St. Paul's Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's Church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's Church.

Reading—Christ Church.

Morgantown—St. Thomas' Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James' the Greater's Church.

Newtown—St. Luke's Church.

Yardleyville—St. Andrew's Church.

Hulmeville—Grace Church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's Church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity Church.

Bellefonte—St. John's Church.*

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's Church.

East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's Church.

Great Valley—St. Peter's Church.

Pequea township—St. John's Church.

West Whiteland township—St. Paul's Church.

West Vincent—St. Andrew's Church.

Honeybrook—St. Mark's Church.

West Chester—Church of Holy Trinity.

* Admitted into union at the Convention of 1839.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's Church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's Church.
Madison—Jerseytown—Christ Church.
Danville—Christ Church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ Church.
Rockville—Trinity Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's Church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's Church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's Church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's Church.
Concord township—St. John's Church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's Church.
Rockdale—Calvary Church.

ERIE COUNTY

Erie—St. Paul's Church.
Waterford—St. Peter's Church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ Church.
Manalen—Grace Church.
Connelsville—Trinity Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's Church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's Church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' Church.
Leacock township—Christ Church.
Caernarven township, Churchtown—Bangor Church.
Marietta—Zion Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barre—St. Stephen's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey—St. James' Church.

MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's Church.

Thompsontown—St. Stephen's Church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' Church.
Perkiomen township—St. James' Church.
Norristown—St. John's Church.
Pottstown—Christ Church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity Church.
Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ Church.
Sunbury—St. Matthew's Church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, St. James' Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Grace Church, All Soul's Church, the Church of the Epiphany, the Church of the Ascension, and St. Luke's Church.*
Northern Liberties—St. John's Church.
Southwark—Trinity Church.
Francisville—St. Matthew's Church.
Lower Dublin township—All Saints' Church.
Oxford township—Trinity Church.
Germantown—St. Luke's Church.
Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's Church.
Kensington—Emmanuel Church.
West Philadelphia—St. Mary's Church.
Manayunk—St. David's Church.
Spring Garden—Zion Church.
Moyamensing—All Saints' Church.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's Church, and Trinity Church.
Schuylkill Haven—St. James' Church.*

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's Church, and St. Andrew's Church.
New Milford—St. Mark's Church.
Montrose—St. Paul's Church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's Church.
Venango Furnace—St. James' Church.

* Admitted into union at the Convention of 1839.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike Run township—St. Peter's Church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburgh—Christ Church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's Church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas' (African) Church, not in union with the Convention. Total, 101.

A LIST

Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY 21st, 1839.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Fallstown, and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, N.L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, Rector of Zion Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, Missionary at Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county; and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, East Nantmeal, Chester county; St. Thomas' Church, Morgan-

town, Berks county; and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh; and Missionary at other places in Columbia county.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Deacon, Missionary at Honesdale and Bethany, Wayne county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county; and Missionary at Pike Run, Washington county.

The Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. William Hilton, Missionary at St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, Missionary at Uniontown and Connelsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, Missionary at Kittaning, and Wayne Township, Armstrong county.

The Rev. George Kirke, Missionary at Yardleyville and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, Missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county; and Pike, Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary at New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, Missionary at Danville, Columbia county, and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Mitchell, M. D., Missionary at Mercer, and parts adjacent, Mercer county.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Deacon, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George W. Natt, Missionary at Belle-Fonte, and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, Missionary at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county, and Derry, Columbia county.

The Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, and St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Rector of Trinity church, Pittburgh.

The Rev. William White, Missionary at Butler, Butler county, and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. Professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Edwin Wilson Wiltbank, Rector of St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

LIST CONTINUED.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, Deacon, Missionary at Red Bank, and parts adjacent, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Charles W. Andrews, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Pierre Teller Babbit, Rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

The Rev. Charles Breck, Deacon, Missionary at Wellsborough, and parts adjacent, Tioga county.

The Rev. Richard F. Burnham, Missionary at Mauch Chunk, and parts adjacent, Northampton county.

The Rev. William James Clark, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, D. D. Principal of the Abbeville Institute, near Lancaster.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Rector of Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. Charles Vernon Kelly, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, Missionary at Georgetown, Beaver county.

The Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Linn McKim, Missionary at Carbondale, Luzerne county; and Dundaff, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, Principal of the (incorporated) Female Academy, at Gettysburg, Adams county.

The Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, Deacon, Rector of Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. David's (Radnor,) church, Newton, Delaware county.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Edward Waylen, Rector of St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county.

The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, Missionary at Pottstown, Montgomery county, and Phœnixville, Chester county.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango county.
The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, near Gray's Ferry, Assistant Minister of the Swedes' church, Kingsessing.
The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Southwark, Philadelphia, Rector of the Swedes churches.
The Rev. William N. Diehl, Germantown, Assistant Minister of the Swedes' church at Upper Merion.
The Rev. William Douglass, (a coloured man,) Rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, Rector of the church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia.
The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, teacher of the Hebrew language, Philadelphia.
The Rev. William H. Odenheimer, Deacon, officiating temporarily in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, Montrose, Susquehannah county.
The Rev. William H. Rees, near the Paoli, Chester county.
The Rev. John Reynolds.
The Rev. Edward Rice, M. D., Deacon, Bethlehem, Northampton county.
The Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Deacon, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Philadelphia, Secretary to the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church.
The Rev. Thomas West, Philadelphia.
The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D. Philadelphia.

The foregoing list, containing the names of ninety-one clergymen, is corrected to this date.
In conformity with Canon XIV. Sect. I.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philad. May 21st, 1839.

MEMORANDUM.

The fifty-one clergymen first named in this list, are entitled to seats in the Convention, on May 21st, 1839.

The nineteen clergymen first named in the "List continued," will be entitled to seats in the Convention in May, 1840, or previously, if they remain in their respective stations, or take such others as are recognized by the Constitution.

H. U. O.

The Rev. William N. Pendleton, of the diocese of Delaware, is employed as a missionary at New London ⋈ Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins, missionary at Montrose, has applied for Letters of Dismission from the diocese of Maryland, but the Standing Committee (now the "ecclesiastical authority" there) not having met, could not yet obtain them.

1838			
May 19	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their actual expenses in attending Convention, viz:		
	Rev. R. U. Morgan,	$4 20	
	Thos. Crumpton,	30 00	
	N. Stem,	6 60	
	B. B. Killikelly,	24 00	
	J. V. E. Thorne,	8 40	
	Dr. Upfold,	19 20	
	Isaac Smith,	12 00	
	G. C. Drake,	10 70	
	Geo. Mintzer,	2 40	
	W. E. Franklin,	5 00	
	E. Y. Buchanan,	3 60	
	Freeman Lane,	13 80	
	L. N. Freeman,	26 40	
	John Reynolds,	1 20	
	W. Adderly,	21 60	
	J. F. Hoff,	9 00	
	J. J. Kerr,	26 40	
	J. Rogers,	5 00	
	Being 60 per cent of their actual expenses.		229 50
28	To cash paid Secretary of Standing Committee, postage account,		1 50
June 1	To cash paid for printing notices and circulars relating to the meeting of Convention, &c.		11 00
	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in Episcopal visitations in April and May,		56 73
Aug. 17	To cash paid R. F. Hill for services, &c., attending the Convention in St. Andrew's church,		20 50
	To cash remitted Rev. Dr. Anthon, New York, the quota due by the diocese of Pennsylvania for contingent expenses of the General Convention for 1837 and 1838,		83 00
Nov. 6	To cash paid for new Minute Book,		2 00
1839			
Feb. 8	To cash paid J. Harding for printing,		5 50
March 7	To cash paid W. Stavely do.		6 00
May 3	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, expenses in Episcopal visitations, viz:		
	Account for June to Nov. 1838,		106 82
	Do. Dec. 1838 and Jan., Feb., and March 1839,		58 00
	Do. April 1839,		23 20
	Postage,		14
	Loss on uncurrent money,		1 07
	Balance,		85 19
			$690 15

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

HENRY W. DUCACHET, } Committee.
HENRY J. MORTON, }

Philadelphia, May 14, 1839.

in Pennsylvania, in acc't with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1838			
May 8	By balance of former account,		7 66
14	By cash received of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia,		33 60
15	St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,		40 00
	St. David's, Manayunk,		2 00
16	St. John's, Northern Liberties,		7 22
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	5 00	
	St. Andrew's, Springfield,	1 00	
	St. Matthew's, Pike,	50	
	St. John's, Concord,	5 00	
	St. John's, Norristown,	5 00	
	Christ, Meadville,	8 00	
	Christ, Huntington,	5 00	
	St. James', Perkiomen,	4 18	
	St. John's, York,	3 16	
	St. John's, Carlisle,	5 00	
	Trinity, Easton,	5 00	
	St. James', Muncy,	5 00	
	St. Mark's, Lewistown,	2 50	
	St. Luke's, Germantown	8 50	
	St. Thomas', Morgantown,	1 70	
	Trinity, Oxford,	4 77	
	St. Mary's, Chester co.	1 33	
	St. Paul's, Bloomsbury,	4 16	
	St. Gabriel's Sugar Loaf,	2 26	
	Christ, Jerseytown,	3 50	
	Bangor, Churchtown,	5 12	
	St. Luke's, Georgetown,	2 00	
	St. Paul's, Beaver co.	2 00	
	St. Peter's, Beaver co.	4 00	
	St. David's, Newtown,	3 67	
	St. Paul's, Kittanning,	4 00	
	Trinity, Pottsville,	5 00	
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,	5 00	
	St. Mark's, Honeybrook,	2 00	
	All Saints', Philadelphia co.	10 30	
	Trinity, Pittsburgh,	20 00	
	Christ, Brownville,	9 09	
	St. John's, Pequea,	5 00	
	Christ, Leacock,	5 51	
	St. James', Lancaster,	11 71	
17	Christ, Reading,	5 00	
	St. John's, New London,	2 50	
	Waterford,	3 29	
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh,	5 00	
19	Trinity, Connelsville,	5 00	
			195 75
26	St. James', Bristol,		6 98
June 1	St. James'. Philada. collection for 1838,		35 00
22	Calvary, Rockdale,		5 00
Aug. 18	Christ, Philadelphia,		50 00
1839			
March	Epiphany, Philadelphia, for 1839,		61 94
April 22	Trinity, Southwark,		20 00
29	St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,		40 00
May 2	St. John's, York,		10 00
3	St. Stephen's, Philada. collection for 1839,		50 00
	St. Peter's, do.		65 00
	St. James', do.		60 00
			690 15
7	By balance,		85 19

Errors excepted.

Philadelphia, May 7, 1839. TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Episcopal Fund in account with*

1838 May 29	To cash paid William Davidson & Son, for $253 52 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock of 1853, at 102 per cent.	$258 59
Sept. 22	To cash paid same for $139 91, Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock of 1854, at 104½ per cent.	146 20
1839 May 2	To cash paid same for $138, of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock of 1856 at par.	138 00
	Balance,	37
		$543 16
1838 August 2	To amount paid to the Right Reverend H. U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,	406 39
1839 Feb. 5	To amount paid to the Right Reverend H. U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,	409 89
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	37
		$816 65

The undersigned, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correct.—We have also examined the certificates of Stock in which the Fund is invested, and find that the sum amounts to sixteen thousand five hundred and thirty-three dollars and forty-seven cents.

BENJAMIN DORR, } Committee.
TOBIAS WAGNER, }

Philadelphia, May 14th, 1839.

Philip H. Nicklin, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1838			
May 8	By balance,		42
" 16	By Cash received from Trinity church, Pittsburg,	29 53	
	St. Mary's church, Chester co.	2 25	
	Trinity, Easton, Northampton co.	5 00	
	All Saints' church, Philad.	9 04	
	St. James', Muncy, Lycoming co.	1 61	
	St. John's, Northern Liberties,	10 00	
	St. James', Perkiomen,	5 33	
	St. David's, Newtown, Delaware co.	2 50	
	Trinity church, Oxford,	3 39	
	St. Thomas's, Morgantown, Berks co.	1 72	
	St. Mark's, Lewistown,	5 00	
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	1 13	
	St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester co.	2 00	
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,	5 75	
	Christ church, Leacock,	3 60	
	St. John's, Pequea,	3 80	
	St. James', Lancaster,	34 20	
" 17	Christ church, Reading,	7 50	
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh,	4 86	
			137 71
	St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,		61 57
" 29	St. Peter's church, do.		50 00
	St. Paul's church, do.		13 96
June 5	St. James' church, do.		86 90
" 18	Dyberry, Wayne co., by the hands of the Bishop,		5 00
July 6	Christ church, Philadelphia,		50 53
1839			
March 27	Church of the Epiphany,		32 99
April 22	Church of the Ascension,		10 00
" 23	St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,		50 00
May 1	St. Andrew's, do.		44 08
			$543 16
1838			
Aug. 1	By six months' interest of Pennsylvania State 5 per cents. belonging to the Episcopal Fund,		406 39
1839			
Feb. 4	By six months' interest on Pennsylvania State 5 per cents. belonging to the Episcopal Fund,		409,89
	Balance brought over,		37
			$816 65
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,		37

PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia May 6th, 1839.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Stock bought for the Episcopal Fund.

1838 May 29, $253 52 Penn. 5 per cent. stock, redeemable in 1853, at 102 per cent. $258 59

1838 Sept. 21, $139 91 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1854, at 104½ per cent. $146 20

1839 May 2, $138 Pennsylvania 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1858, at par. $138 00

Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale, James S. Smith and Philip H. Nicklin, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Received Payment, WM. DAVIDSON & SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested in five per cent. Stock, of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time, to Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents.

JOHN READ,
JAMES S. SMITH,
PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

CONSTITUTION,

CANONS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

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IN THE

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PHILADELPHIA,
PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION.
JESPER HARDING, PRINTER.

1839.

At the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Pennsylvania, held in Philadelphia, in May, 1839, it was ordered that "the Constitution, Canons, and Revised Regulations of the diocese of Pennsylvania, be appended to the journal for this year:" and further that "250 copies extra of the Constitution, Canons, and Revised Regulations," be printed, under the direction of the secretary.

HENRY W. DUCACHET,

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION,

CANONS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

An Act of Association of the Clergy and Congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS by the late revolution, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of *America* is become independent of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction in *England;* in consequence whereof, it is necessary for the clergy and congregations of the said church to associate themselves for maintaining uniformity in divine worship, for procuring the powers of ordination, and for establishing and maintaining a system of ecclesiastical government.

And whereas, at a meeting of sundry clergymen and of lay deputies from sundry congregations of the Protestant Episcopal church in this state, held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the 24th day of *May*, 1784, there was appointed a committee, to confer and correspond with representatives from the church in other states, for the purpose of constituting an ecclesiastical government, agreeably to certain instructions or fundamental principles.*

And whereas the said committee, being assembled in the city of *New*

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* Which are as follow:

First, That the Episcopal church in these states is and ought to be independent of all foreign authority, ecclesiastical or civil.

Secondly, That it hath, and ought to have, in common with all other religious societies, full and exclusive powers to regulate the concerns of its own communion.

Thirdly, That the doctrines of the gospel be maintained as now professed by the church of *England;* and uniformity of worship be continued, as near as may be to the liturgy of the said church.

Fourthly, That the succession of the ministry be agreeable to the usage which requireth the three orders of bishops, priests, and deacons; that the rights and powers of the same respectively be ascertained; and that they be exercised according to reasonable laws to be duly made.

Fifthly, That to make canons or laws, there be no other authority than that of a representative body of the clergy and laity conjointly.

Sixthly, That no powers be delegated to a general ecclesiastical government, except such as cannot conveniently be exercised by the clergy and vestries in their respective congregations.

York, on the 6th and 7th days of *October*, in the same year, did concur with clergymen and lay deputies from sundry states, in proposing a Convention from all the states to be held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the *Tuesday* before the feast of *St. Michael* next ensuing, in order to unite in an ecclesiastical constitution, agreeably to certain fundamental principles, expressed in the said proposal:*

And whereas the body which assembled as aforesaid in *New York* did recommend to the church in the several states, that previously to the said intended meeting, they should organize or associate themselves, agreeably to such rules as they shall think proper.

It is therefore hereby determined and declared by the clergy who do now or who hereafter shall sign this act, and by the congregations who do now or who hereafter shall consent to this act, either by its being ratified by their respective vestries, or by its being signed by their deputies duly authorized, that the said clergy and congregations shall be called and known by the name of *The Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of* Pennsylvania.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That there shall be a Convention of the said church; which Convention shall consist of all the clergy of the same and of lay deputies; and that all the acts and proceedings of said Convention shall be considered as the acts and proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal church in this state; provided always, That the same shall be consistent with the fundamental principles agreed on at the two aforesaid meetings in *Philadelphia* and *New York*.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That each congregation may send to the Convention a deputy or deputies; and where two or more congregations are united,

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* Which are as follow:

First, That there be a General Convention of the Episcopal church in the United States of *America*.

Second, That the Episcopal church in each state send deputies to the Convention, consisting of clergy and laity.

Third, That associated congregations, in two or more states, may send deputies jointly.

Fourth, That the said church shall maintain the doctrines of the gospel, as now held by the church of *England*, and shall adhere to the liturgy of the said church, as far as shall be consistent with the *American* Revolution, and the constitutions of the respective states.

Fifth, That in every state where there shall be a bishop duly consecrated and settled, he shall be considered as a member of the Convention, *ex officio*.

Sixth, That the clergy and laity assembled in Convention, shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Seventh, That the first meeting of the Convention shall be at *Philadelphia*, the *Tuesday* before the feast of *St. Michael* next; to which it is hoped and earnestly desired, that the Episcopal churches in the respective states will send their clerical and lay deputies, duly instructed and authorized to proceed on the necessary business herein proposed for their deliberation.

In compliance with the last article, the following persons are appoint-

they may send a deputy or deputies for each congregation; and no congregation may send a clergyman as their deputy; and each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That the clergy and lay deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders, and that the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure; and such clergymen and lay deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention shall be a quorum; and on every question, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively shall decide.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That all such clergymen as shall hereafter be settled as the ministers of the congregations ratifying this act, shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy now subscribing the same.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That the Convention shall meet on *Monday*, the 22nd day of *May*, which will be in the year of our Lord 1786, and for ever after on such annual day, and at such other times and at such place, as shall be fixed by future rules of the Convention.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That if the clergy and congregations of any adjoining state or states shall desire to unite with the church in this state agreeably to the fundamental principles established at the aforesaid meeting in *New York*, then the Convention shall have power to admit the said clergy and deputies from the congregations of such adjoining state or states, to have the same privileges, and to be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy and congregations in this state.

Done in Christ church, in the city of Philadelphia, this 24th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1785. Witness our hands, in ratification of the premises.*

William White, D. D., Rector of Christ church and St. Peter's in Philadelphia.

Samuel Magaw, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Robert Blackwell, Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Joseph Hutchins, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

John Campbell, Rector of the Episcopal churches of York and Huntington.

Joseph Swift, Deputy for Christ Church.

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ed, viz. Clerical Deputies,—The Rev. Doctors White and Magaw, and the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, Hutchins, and Campbell. And Lay Deputies, Messrs. Richard Peters, Gerardus Clarkson, Samuel Powel, William Atlee, Jasper Yeates, Stephen Chambers, Edward Hand, Thomas Heartly, John Clarke, Archibald M'Grew, Plunket Fleeson, Edward Shippen, Joseph Swift, Andrew Doz, John Wood, Nicholas Jones, and Edward Duffield.

* The signing of those deputies who were sent to the Convention, without written power, was deferred until such powers can be procured.

SAMUEL POWEL, GERARDUS CLARKSON, } Deputies for St. Peter's church.
PLUNKET FLEESON, JOHN WOOD, ANDREW DOZ, } Deputies for St. Paul's church.
EDWARD HAND, Deputy for the congregation of St. James's, Lancaster.
NICHOLAS JONES, Deputy for St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, Berks.
JOHN CAMPBELL, Deputy for the congregations of York and Huntington.
JOHN CROSBY, jun. JOHN SHAW, } Deputies for St. Paul's church, Chester.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT OF ASSOCIATION.

Whereas doubts have arisen whether under the act of association, any alterations can be made in the book of Common Prayer and the administration of the Sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, except such as became necessary in consequence of the late revolution:

It is therefore hereby determined and declared, that further alterations may be made by the Convention, constituted by the said act, provided only, that "the main body and essentials" be preserved, and alterations made in such forms only as the church of *England* hath herself acknowledged to be indifferent and alterable.

And it is hereby further determined and declared, that the power given by this supplement to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in this state, may by the said Convention be conveyed to a Convention of the said church in the United States, or in such states as are willing to unite in a constitution of ecclesiastical government, if the same shall be judged most conducive to charity and uniformity of worship.

Done in *Christ church*, in the city of *Philadelphia*, this 27th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1786. Witness our hands in ratification of the premises.

CONSTITUTION.*

WHEREAS by an act of association agreed to and adopted in Convention on the 24th day of May, 1785, sundry of the Protestant Episcopal churches within this Commonwealth, were united under the name of "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania"—which association now embraces all those clergy and congregations who did at that time assent to, or have since assented to the same:

And whereas since that time, by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal churches within the United States, a constitution and canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same, which recognise each state as constituting a district or diocese, with the right to the churches within the same to exercise a local government over themselves, which has been accordingly exercised by the Protestant Episcopal churches within the state of Pennsylvania, associated as aforesaid; and it being now deemed expedient more expressly to set forth the system of local government to be exercised within this diocese, the following, with the act of association, is declared to be the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania:

I. This church as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States of America, accedes to, recognises, and adopts the general constitution of that church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

II. There shall be a Stated Convention of the church in this state, at Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday in May, in every year unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention.

III. The bishop shall have power to call a Special Convention when he may judge it conducive to the good of the

* This constitution was adopted by the Convention of 1814.

church, or when applied to for that purposes by the standing committee: and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal chair, the standing committee shall have power to call a Special Convention.

IV. The Convention shall be composed of clergymen and laymen. The bishop, and assistant bishop, if there be one, shall have a seat and vote in convention. Every clergyman of the church, of whatever order, being a settled minister of some parish within this state, or being a president, professor, tutor, or instructer in some college, academy, or seminary of learning, incorporated by law, or being a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese, or a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, if he has been actually and personally, as well as canonically, resident within this state, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station: *Provided*, that any temporary absence from the state by reason of sickness, and any such absence, not exceeding in the whole two calendar months in any one year, and any such absence with the written permission of the bishop of this diocese, or of the standing committee in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal chair, shall be taken into account in computing the said residence: And *Provided* also, that no clergyman of advanced years or infirm health, who has been once entitled to a seat in Convention, shall lose his right to a seat therein, by reason of his having ceased to have charge of a parish, or to be in the service of a seminary of learning, or to be a missionary as aforesaid.

No church shall be admitted a member of this convention, which does not, by its charter or articles of association, expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline, and worship, of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese.

Each regularly established Protestant Episcopal church in this state, now a member, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the Convention, may send to the Convention a lay deputy or deputies, not exceeding three in number, to be elected by the vestry of the said church: *Provided* that no person shall be competent to serve as deputy, unless

he has been a worshipper in the church he represents, six calendar months next before his election.

When two or more churches are united under one vestry, deputies may be sent from each church, subject to the proviso aforesaid.

The deputation from each church shall be entitled to one vote, and no more.

No deputation from any church shall be entitled to a vote at the same Convention at which the church shall be admitted as a member.*

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But any such church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, accompanied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.†

V. The bishop shall preside in the Convention—but in case of a vacancy or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

VI. A secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. Such other officers also shall be appointed as the Convention may find occasion for, to remain in office for such time as they may direct.

All officers and committees appointed by ballot must, in order to their election, receive the votes of a majority of the clerical members, and of the lay representations. And in all cases of a failure or omission to elect any officer or an-

*This article was amended in 1824, and again in 1829.

†Added in 1838—See Journal, p. 35.

nual committee, the persons then in office, or belonging to the committee, shall continue in their station until others shall be chosen.*

VII. The clergy and lay deputies in Convention, shall deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, except when it is required otherwise by five members. In such a case the Convention shall vote as two distinct orders, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure—and such clergymen and lay deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall be a quorum —and on every question the votes of a majority of those present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively shall decide.

VIII. The standing committee and council of advice shall consist of ten members, five clerical and five lay members. At their first meeting they shall elect one of their clerical members to be president, and another of their members to be secretary. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the members (the whole having been summoned) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes as, agreeably to their own rules, may require a larger number. They may make rules of meeting and business, and alter or repeal them from time to time.

IX. The election of a bishop of this diocese shall be made in Convention in the following manner: The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot some fit and qualified clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved of by the lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine a choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to votes be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

X. The mode of altering this constitution shall be as follows: a proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention; and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

*Amended in 1829.

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADOPTED IN 1829.

CANON I.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SEC. I. The trial of a clergyman, not being a bishop, shall be, on a presentment in writing, specifying with clearness and certainty, as to time, place, and circumstance, the crime, or misdemeanor, by violation of the canons, or otherwise, charged: the said presentment to be made to the bishop, either by the Convention, or by the vestry of the parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this diocese, entitled to a seat in the Convention: the said vestry or presbyters pledging themselves to make good the accusation. If the presentment be made by the Convention, they shall by ballot appoint a committee to sign and prosecute the same.

SEC. II. Such presentment being made to the bishop, and being accompanied by a farther statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as is relied on, the bishop shall cause a copy of such presentment to be served upon the accused, by a summoner appointed by the bishop, and shall call upon him by written summons to show cause, at a day

cy, and report the same to the bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy: but the said sentence may be reversed by the bishop, if within three calendar months the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment: but if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry for contumacy shall forthwith be pronounced by the bishop, and shall be publicly read in the churches.

Sec. VI. The accused, on his first appearance, whether before the bishop at the return of the summoner previous to the appointment of a commissary, or before the commissary, or before the commissary and assessors, shall be called on to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him. On his neglect or refusal to answer, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him. And if he be found, or confess himself, guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the bishop shall pronounce the sentence according to the canons; but in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, the standing committee shall report the proceedings to the bishop of some other diocese, as near as may be to this, by whom the sentence according to the canons may be pronounced. Provided always, that the bishop, upon satisfactory proof of error or mal-practice in the proceedings of the commissary and assessors, or on account of error in their judgment either in law or fact, may, if he deems it necessary to justice, grant a new trial to the accused; in which case, new assessors shall be appointed, and the other proceedings be conducted as directed by Sec. 4. of this canon.

Sec. VII. The proceedings in the case being complete, according to the requisitions of this canon, the sentence or penalty pronounced by the bishop, according to the canons, shall be final.

Canon II.

Of the proceedings in the trial of a Layman, after repulsion by the Minister from the Holy Communion.

If any person repelled from the holy communion, according to the rubric, shall allege to the bishop that injustice has been done, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing in truth and sincerity to comply with the

requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the holy communion, his repulsion shall be continued, he may present his complaint in writing to the bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the communion. Whereupon, unless the bishop shall in a summary manner direct him to be restored, an inquiry and examination shall be made in manner following. The notice given to the bishop by the minister repelling, shall stand in the place of a presentment of the party repelled; and the proceedings thereon shall be the same as are before provided in the case of a presentment made against a clergyman, not being a bishop, after the report of the commissary, except that besides the clerical assessors, the bishop shall nominate twelve laymen of this diocese, of whom the accused may choose four, or in case of his neglect or refusal, the standing committee shall appoint four, and the four persons so chosen or appointed, with the four clerical assessors, to be chosen or appointed as aforesaid, having added one layman to their number, shall be the assessors, and proceed to the trial in like manner as is provided in the case of a clergyman, not being a bishop; and having heard and deliberately considered the allegations and testimony on either side, they, or a majority of them, shall declare in writing their judgment, whether the party presented has been rightfully repelled, according to the rubric, or not: and whether his repulsion ought or ought not to be continued; and shall forthwith report their judgment to the bishop; and unless the bishop shall see cause to order a rehearing of the case by the assessors, or, if desired by the party repelled, by other assessors to be nominated and chosen, or appointed in manner aforesaid, he shall communicate the judgment to the minister repelling, and to the party repelled, which shall be final and conclusive. Provided that if the judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

Canon III.

Of the trial of a Bishop.

Sec. 1. The presentment of a bishop shall be made only by the Convention, and at a stated session, a majority of each order concurring: it shall be in writing, setting forth with

clearness and certainty, in regard to time, place, and circumstance, the crime, or the misdemeanor imputed; and shall be signed by the clerical and lay members thereto consenting, and made to any two or more, not exceeding three, bishops: provided that the resolution to present, and the vote thereon, shall not, in any case, take place on the same day. And the Convention making the presentment, shall, by a concurrent vote, appoint a committee, to consist of three presbyters and three lay members of their own body, to whom they may give instructions for prosecuting the same; of which committee the member first named shall be the chairman, and so successively, if a vacancy happens. Upon a presentment being so made, the bishops shall have authority to proceed thereupon in the manner hereby directed.

Sec. II. The bishops shall cause a copy of the presentment to be served upon the accused by a summoner to be by them appointed, and shall call on him by written summons to appear at a time and place named, and answer thereto. If he appear, he shall then be called on to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him; and, on his neglect or refusal, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him. Whereupon, unless he confess himself guilty, the bishops shall nominate three other bishops, if there be so many in the United States; and if not, all the other bishops; and out of the whole number, that is to say, the bishops to whom the presentment is made, and the others by them nominated, the accused bishop may choose three; or if he neglect or refuse so to do, the bishops to whom the presentment is made, if only two, shall appoint one other, who with themselves shall be the judges on the trial; or if they be three, then these three shall be the judges.

Sec. III. The bishops so appointed or constituted the judges, shall fix on some convenient time and place within this diocese for the trial, and having caused at least thirty days' notice thereof to be given to the accused by a summoner to be by them appointed, and also to the chairman of the committee of the Convention, constituted to conduct the prosecution of the presentment in the manner before directed, they shall then and there proceed in the trial; provided, that for sufficient cause, or to prevent a failure of justice, they may adjourn from time to time; and provided also, that the accused shall at all times during the trial have free liberty

to be present, to produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

Sec. IV. The judges having fully heard the allegations and testimony of the parties, and deliberately considered the same, after they have withdrawn, shall declare respectively whether, in their opinion, the accused be guilty or not guilty of the charges contained in the presentment, in the order in which they are set forth; and the declaration of a majority of the judges, being reduced to writing, and signed by those who assent thereto, shall be considered as the judgment of said judges, and shall be pronounced in the presence of the parties, if they choose to attend. And if it be that the accused is guilty, the judges shall at the same time pass their sentence, and award the penalty according to the canons: provided, that if the accused shall, before sentence is passed, show satisfactory cause to induce a belief that justice has not been done, the judges, or a majority of them, may, according to their sound discretion, grant a rehearing; and in either case, before passing sentence, the accused shall have the opportunity of being heard, if he have aught to say in excuse or palliation. Provided that the accused shall not be held guilty, unless a majority of the judges shall concur in regard to one or more of the offences charged, and only as relates to those charges in which a majority so concur.

Sec. V. If the accused bishop neglect or refuse to appear, according to the summons of the bishops to whom the presentment is made, or to appear and make defence before the judges, notice having been served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause, to be allowed by the said bishops or judges, they shall declare him to be in contumacy; and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall be pronounced against him for contumacy, by the senior of the said bishops or judges: but the said sentence shall be reversed, if within three calendar months he shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment. But if the accused bishop shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry shall, at the instance of the prosecuting committee, be pronounced against him by the senior of the two or more bishops, to whom the case was originally referred.

Canon IV.

Of taking the depositions of witnesses.

If, in any case, either of a clergyman, not being a bishop, or of a layman, the testimony of witnesses shall be requisite, whose attendance before the commissary or at the trial cannot, in the opinion of the bishop, be procured, their depositions shall be taken and reduced to writing, upon such notice to the party presenting or party accused, and under such other regulations, as the bishop shall prescribe, and shall, when taken in conformity, be read in evidence, with the same effect as if taken by the commissary, or at the trial. In the case of an accused bishop, the taking of the testimony of such witnesses may, in like manner, and with the same effect, be authorised by the bishops appointed to be the judges.

Canon V.

Of persons against whom presentments are made, not to be found, or removed; and of the service of notices, or citations.

Sec. I. If a presentment be duly made against a clergyman, not a bishop, and after reasonable diligence he cannot be found in this diocese, or has removed from it, and notice of the presentment cannot on that account be served on him, and return be made accordingly by the summoner, in such case, the bishop, with the advice of the standing committee, having considered the character of the accusation, and the probability of its truth, may suspend the accused from the exercise of all his ministerial functions. But such suspension shall be removed, if within three months the accused shall appear and accept service of a citation, returnable within thirty days. If the accused shall not so appear within twelve months, the bishop, with the consent of the standing committee, may pronounce sentence of degradation against him.

Sec. II. If, from causes the same as those mentioned in the preceding section, notice of presentment cannot be served on an accused bishop, and return be made accordingly by

the summoner, the two or more bishops before whom the presentment is first laid, shall, after sixty days, proceed to examine the witnesses for the prosecution, and such other witnesses as may offer, all the evidence being reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively. The said two or more bishops, or a majority of them, shall then transmit to each of the other bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, copies of the presentment, and of the evidence so taken, requesting of each of them his opinion in writing, whether the accused bishop is guilty or not guilty; and the said two or more bishops shall also produce in writing their respective opinions on the same question. And if a majority of all the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States shall so declare their opinion that the accused is guilty, the senior of the said two or more bishops shall, at the instance of the prosecuting committee of the Convention, pronounce sentence of degradation from the ministry against the bishop accused; and this sentence shall be final.

Sec. III. Every notice or citation to either party, required in consequence of a presentment, shall be directed to the summoner, appointed for the occasion, according to the canons respectively; and return thereof shall be made thereon in writing; and the leaving a copy at the last place of abode of the person to be cited, or delivering it to him in person, shall be deemed good service thereof.

Canon VI.

Of Penalties.

Sec. I. If any clergyman of this church, not a bishop, shall be guilty of crime or of misdemeanor, by violation of the canons, or otherwise, and shall be thereof duly convicted, or shall confess himself guilty, he shall be admonished by the bishop, or suspended from the ministry, or degraded, therefrom, according to the character and circumstances of his offence. All suspension or degradation from the ministry shall be from the entire ministry, and not merely from a higher to a lower grade of the same.

Sec. II. After an accused clergyman, not a bishop, has been convicted by the commissary and assessors, the said commissary and assessors shall forthwith proceed to consider and declare, in writing, and under their signatures what

in their opinion is the due punishment of the offence, of which the accused has been found guilty, having respect to the character and circumstances of the offence, whether admonition by the bishop, suspension, and for what period, or under what conditions, or degradation; and they, or a majority of them being assembled for this purpose, shall not separate or adjourn, until they have so declared their opinion of the due punishment; and their said declaration shall be forthwith delivered or transmitted to the bishop, together with their judgment of conviction, and the evidence in the cause.

. Sec. III. If the bishop approve of the punishment so declared, he shall in writing give sentence accordingly; but if he do not approve of it, he shall, in like manner, impose such other less punishment hereby authorized as he shall think justly due.

Sec. IV. If a layman repelled by his minister shall after trial be found guilty, his repulsion shall continue, subject to the conditions of the rubric.

Sec. V. If a clergyman, not a bishop, shall confess himself guilty on any presentment duly made, the bishop shall determine on his punishment, whether admonition, suspension, and for what term, and on what conditions, or degradation from the ministry. If a lay person, after appealing to the bishop from the sentence of repulsion from the holy communion, shall, at any period before or during the investigation or trial, confess himself guilty of the offence or offences for which he was repelled, the bishop shall determine the duration of his repulsion, or the conditions on which it shall be removed. Provided always, and in all cases of repulsion from the holy communion, that, if the person repelled be visited with extreme or mortal sickness, the minister of the parish, if satisfied that he is truly penitent, but not otherwise, may administer the holy communion, or authorize it to be administered to him before his death, though the term of repulsion be not expired.

Sec. VI. When an accused bishop shall be convicted, the same tribunal that has convicted him, shall further determine the punishment due to the offender, considering the character and circumstances of the offence, whether admonition by the said judges, suspension from the ministry, and for what period, or under what conditions, or degradation from the ministry. And this decision shall be final.

Sec. VII. If an accused bishop, on his appearance before

the bishops, according to the second section of the third canon, or in writing, and under his signature, confess that he is guilty of the offence charged in the presentment made by the Convention of his diocese, the two or more bishops to whom the case is first referred, shall determine the punishment due, whether admonition by the said bishops, suspension from the ministry, and for what period, or under what conditions, or degradation from the ministry; and this, their decision, shall be final.

Sec. VIII. In every case of degradation from the ministry, the bishop who pronounces sentence shall, without delay, cause the sentence of degradation to be published from every pulpit in this diocese, where there may be an officiating minister; and he shall also give information of the sentence to all the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, and to the standing committees of those dioceses in which there is no bishop.

Canon VII.

Of misbehaviour of Clergymen residing in another State.

If a clergyman resident in another state shall come temporarily into this, under the imputation of having elsewhere been guilty of any crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the canons, or otherwise, or if any clergyman while sojourning here shall misbehave in any of these respects, the bishop, upon probable cause, may admonish such clergyman, and forbid him to officiate in this diocese. And if, after such prohibition, the said clergyman so officiate, the bishop shall give notice to all the congregations that the officiating of the said clergyman is, under any and all circumstances, prohibited; and like notice shall he give to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the standing committee of the diocese, to which the said clergyman belongs. And such prohibition shall continue in force until the bishop of this diocese be satisfied of the innocence of the said clergyman, or until he be acquitted on trial, and notice thereof be given by the bishop.

Canon VIII.

Of the evidence of the clerical residence of Clergymen removing into this diocese necessary to entitle them to seats in the Convention.

Sec. I. To qualify a clergyman coming from another state, district, or diocese, for a seat in the Convention, it shall be necessary first to obtain from the bishop a written testimonial of his being received as a clergyman of this diocese. And to entitle him to such testimonial, he shall produce from the bishop or bishops, or if there be no bishop, from a majority of the clerical members of the standing committee or committees of the diocese or dioceses wherein he has resided during the last preceding three years, which committee or committees shall in all cases be duly convened, satisfactory written testimonials, signed by the said bishop or bishops, or by the majority of the clerical members of said standing committee or committees, that he has not been justly liable to evil report for error in religion or viciousness of life, during the three years last past; or if he come to this diocese from any state or district which has not acceded to the general constitution, the said testimonials shall be signed by three clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States; and if he be a deacon, the said testimonials shall be addressed to the bishop of this diocese; or if there be no bishop, to the standing committee thereof. And the bishop shall morever be satisfied that such clergyman has been called to settle in some parish in this diocese, and that he has come hither with that purpose and expectation; or that he is engaged as a professor, tutor, or instructor of youth in some college, academy, or other incorporated seminary of learning, or as a missionary, under the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese; or that he has been stationed within this diocese as a chaplain in the army or navy of the United States: and in such cases, the bishop shall give the testimonial required. Provided always, that whenever the bishop shall deem it expedient, he may further inquire of the bishop, or if there be no bishop, of the standing committee of any diocese in which the said clergyman has previously resided, concerning his orderly compliance with the institutions and government of the Protestant Episcopal church; and if the answer to the said

inquiry shall specify acts contrary thereto, done by said clergyman, the bishop may withhold the said testimonial until he is satisfied of the good intentions in the premises, of the said clergyman, for the future.

Sec. II. This testimonial shall be the evidence of the commencement of the canonical residence and right to a seat in the Convention, required by the constitution, as regards clergymen hereafter coming into this diocese.

Canon IX.

Of the Standing Committee.

Sec. I. At every Stated Convention, a standing committee, to consist of five of the clergy and five of the laity, shall be chosen by ballot, by the concurrent vote of the members of each order. And vacancies occurring by death, or otherwise, in said committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members and lay members of the committee.

Sec. II. This committee shall have in special charge, the care and investment of the Convention fund, and also of the fund for the support of the episcopate, whether arising from the legacy of the late Andrew Doz, Esq., or otherwise given in charge or trust to the Convention.

Sec. III. In case of a vacancy in the episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to and be performed by the standing committee. In case of such vacancy, the standing committee shall also have power to act in the granting of testimonials to clergymen removing into this diocese, agreeably to the canons.

Sec. IV. In the case of the absence of the bishop of this diocese in foreign parts, expected to continue for six months, or more, the bishop, before his departure, shall, with the consent of the standing committee, request the bishop of some neighbouring diocese, or some other bishop or bishops, to perform the episcopal acts and duties pertaining to this diocese, during his absence; or if the bishop neglect, or refuse to do so, the standing committee may do the same, at any time after his departure from the United States. All other acts and duties of the bishop, being such as may be performed by

the standing committee in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, shall be equally performed by them during any absence of the bishop, as aforesaid. And the Convention, during said absence of the bishop, shall, at each meeting thereof, elect its president.

SEC. V. The record of all the proceedings on a presentment of a clergyman or layman shall be preserved by the standing committee; and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their secretary.

SEC. VI. The standing committee shall, before the meeting of each annual Convention, prepare a report, to be submitted thereto, of every church, a member of this Convention, which, for three years, has made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and which, during the same period, has neither employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary.*

CANON X.

Of the celebration of Marriage.

No minister of this church shall celebrate any marriage, without being satisfied that it is not forbidden by the law of God, or of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or by the canons of the church. And if both or either of the parties be minors, it shall be also necessary that the consent of the parents, guardians, master, or mistress, (as the case may require) be first obtained, unless they live out of the United States, and that fact be known or proved to the minister; and that such consent be certified to him by some credible person or persons acquainted with them and the minor, or be otherwise sufficiently proved or known to him. Whereupon the minister, not knowing nor having reason to believe that there is any lawful impediment, may, and if either of the parties be of his congregation, it shall be his duty to join them in marriage. The certificate aforesaid shall be in writing, if he requires it.

* Added in 1837—see Journal, p. 34.

Canon XI.

Of Parochial Instruction.

Sec. 1. On notice being received by a minister or missionary from the bishop, of his intention to visit the parish or parishes of said minister or missionary, it shall be his duty to give notice thereof to his congregation or congregations, on their first meeting thereafter for public worship; and also, immediate notice thereof to the members individually, as opportunity may offer. He shall also, on said occasion of public worship, invite the children of due age, and others not confirmed, to advise with him concerning their coming to that holy ordinance; and he shall diligently and faithfully prepare them for the same. And he shall be ready to present for confirmation those who shall have been previously instructed and prepared; and shall deliver to the bishop, a list of the names of those presented.

Sec. II. Every minister of a parish shall encourage the formation of Sunday schools, and the efficient prosecution of instruction in them, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal church. And he shall report the number of scholars and teachers in his annual parochial report.

Canon XII.

Of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and of Parochial Reports.

Sec. I. Each clergyman shall keep an account of all the baptisms, marriages and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry, specifying the name and date of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors, the name of the adult baptized, the names of the parties married, and the name of the person buried; and also, the time when each rite was performed.

Sec. II. These entries shall, by the minister, or, if so ordered by the vestry, by the clerk or sexton of the church, be recorded in a suitable book, to be provided by the vestry, which shall be the Church Register, and shall belong to, and remain with the vestry, as a part of the church records. And the

minister of each parish shall also keep a list of all the communicants within his cure, as nearly as they can be ascertained; and, also, a list of the persons confirmed from time to time by the bishop.

Sec. III. Every minister of a parish. or parishes, in this diocese, shall present or forward, at every Annual Convention, to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the president of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and persons confirmed, in his parish or parishes severally since the last like report; and also, of the number of the communicants, distinguishing the additions, removals, and deaths, since the last report; also he shall add a statement of all other matters of fact, that may throw light on the state of his parish, or parishes.

Sec. IV. These parochial reports shall be read in the Convention; and all the specifications of baptisms, marriages, funerals, persons confirmed, and communicants, and the statements of other matters of fact contained in them, shall be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

Canon XIII.

Of the evidence of appointment of the Lay Deputies to the Convention.

The appointment of lay deputies to the Convention of this diocese, shall be certified in writing by a warden, or two vestrymen, of the proper church; and the certificate shall state, that the deputy, or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election, a worshipper in the church or parish he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this diocese shall be allowed or received. A copy of this canon shall be annually sent, by the secretary of the Convention, to every church in this diocese, with the notice of the meeting of the Convention.

Canon XIV.

A list to be made of the Ministers in this Diocese.

Sec 1. Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this diocese, the bishop shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal church, canonically resident in this diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or of their stations as missionaries, or of the colleges, academies, or other seminaries of learning, incorporated, in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions, or institutions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as hereinafter mentioned, shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the secretary of every General Convention.

Sec. II. The list of the clergy of this diocese, so prepared by the bishop, and by him amended, according to the changes that may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admissions into this diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure, or mission, or engagement in some seminary of general learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

Sec. III. The right of any clergyman of this diocese to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the Convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Sec. IV. The bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of ministers into this diocese, as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed on by persons pretending to be authorised ministers of this church. And his certificate shall be the evidence of such admission.

Sec. V. It shall be the duty of the clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention, their names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention, these shall be required to give excuses for their absence; or if they continue absent, they shall send their excuses in writing: and if the excuse be

deemed insufficient, or be entirely omitted, either shall be a good cause for presentment.

Canon XV.

Of the admission of a Church or Congregation into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

Sec. I. To entitle a church or congregation to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the Convention the original articles of association; or if incorporated, their original charter, or a copy thereof, duly authenticated, according to law: and that it shall appear therein, that such church or congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this diocese: and it shall appear further, that the said act of association, or charter, has been submitted to the bishop and standing committee, and by them respectively approved; or if the approbation of either the bishop or standing committee, or both, is withheld, he or they shall report to the Convention, with the articles of association, or charter, the reasons of his or their disapprobation.

Sec. II. The Convention shall refer the whole matter and documents of cases of this kind, to a committee of three clerical and three lay members of the same, to be appointed as soon after the organizing of the Convention as conveniently may be, who shall make report thereon to the Convention for its final determination. Provided always, that the Convention shall not admit into union with this diocese, any church or congregation which does not expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese.

Canon XVI.

Of Supplying Vacant Congregations.

Sec. I. At every Stated Convention, a committee of three clerical and three lay members shall be appointed by ballot,

who, in concurrence with the bishop, or, in case of a vacancy, of the president of the standing committee, shall take order for supplying vacant congregations with occasional services; it being expected that the congregation so supplied will defray the expenses incident to such services. And it shall be the duty of the clergy, whether with or without parochial cures, having in the former case the consent of their proper vestries, to comply with the requisitions of the said committee in this behalf. And the committee shall report to every Stated Convention an account of their proceedings.

Sec. II. When a parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the vestry to give notice thereof to the bishop, or if there is no bishop, to the president of the standing committee, forthwith.

Canon XVII.

Of preparing a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese.

A committee of the Convention shall be appointed at the stated meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draught, with the advice and approbation of the bishop, a report of the state of the church in this diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

Canon XVIII.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

Sec. I. Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen by the concurrent ballot of the clergy and lay votes, at every Stated Convention of this diocese; and their appointment shall continue until the next Stated Convention, and until others are chosen in their places.

Sec. II. Should a vacancy occur by death, or otherwise, in the deputation to the General Convention, it shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical and lay deputies.

* Sec. III. Deputies to the General Convention may pre-

* See Journal of 1838, p. 45.

sent an account of their expenses in their travel and attendance to the standing committee, who shall make a reasonable allowance for the same, to be paid out of the Convention Fund.

Canon XIX.

All former canons passed by the Convention of the Church in this diocese, are hereby repealed.

REVISED REGULATIONS,

Adopted in 1829.

I.

Of the opening of the Convention, &c.

1. No business shall be transacted on the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, except what appertains to its being duly organized.

2. On the following day it shall proceed in the despatch of business, when there shall be divine service, the administration of the holy communion, and a sermon by one of the presbyters, to be appointed to this office by the bishop, which shall give place when the bishop delivers a sermon, or charge.

3. A sermon preached at the opening of the Convention shall be at its entire disposal, to be published by its order, but not otherwise. Episcopal charges delivered before the Convention, shall be published by the same, without any motion in relation thereto.

4. The following shall be the rules of order in the proceedings, viz.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

II.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

1. A secretary shall be chosen at every Convention, by ballot, after *viva voce* nominations of the candidates. In case but one is put in nomination, the balloting shall be dispensed with. His office and duties shall continue until the meeting of the next Annual Convention, and until his successor is chosen.

2. He shall give not less than one month's written notice of the time (the day and hour) appointed for the meeting of the Convention, to every clergyman within the diocese, entitled to a seat, according to a list, to be furnished by the bishop; and, as far as is practicable, he shall give a similar notice to the churchwardens and vestrymen of every vacant congre-

gation. And such notice shall be accompanied with a form of the certificate of the appointment of lay deputies.

3. On the printing of any pastoral letter of the house of bishops, he shall transmit the same to the clergy and to vacant churches, to be read to the congregations on some occasion of public worship, and also for general perusal by the members of the church, under such reasonable regulations as expediency may require.

4. He shall transmit annually to each of the bishops, and to the secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the journal.

5. He shall also transmit to every General Convention a certificate, to be signed by himself, or by the president of the Convention of this diocese, containing a list of the clergymen in this diocese, and the amount of funds paid or secured to be paid, (distinguishing them) to the General Theological Seminary, together with the nomination of trustees of that seminary: and also, a like certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay deputies.

6. Besides the duties before specified, he shall perform all others usually appertaining to the office of secretary, or enjoined on him by the Convention.

III.

Of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of a Treasurer of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

1. At every Stated Convention there shall be chosen by ballot a treasurer of the Convention, and a Treasurer of the fund for the support of the Episcopate, who shall respectively remain in office until the next Stated Convention, and until successors are appointed. Their accounts shall be closed on the Tuesday preceding the day appointed for its meeting, and submitted to the standing committee, who shall examine and report thereon to the Convention.

2. In case of vacancy in either of these offices, or that of secretary, it shall be supplied by the standing committee.

3. The treasurer of the Convention shall forward to the secretary of the house of clerical and lay deputies of the General Convention, at every meeting thereof, seventy-five cents for each clergyman of this diocese, towards the necessary expenses of said Convention.

IV.*

Of the contributions for defraying the expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

It is enjoined on every settled clergyman within the diocese, to have a collection made in his church in each year, in aid of the Convention Fund; at which time a statement shall be made, explaining the objects to which the fund is applied. The names of the clergy shall be called over at each Convention, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such collections have been made in their respective churches—and mileage shall not be allowed to any clergyman attending the Convention, unless a collection for the said purpose has been made in his church since the preceding Convention.

The money so collected shall be applied to the payment of expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

The fourth revised regulation adopted in 1829, entitled "of the contributions for defraying the expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention," is rescinded.

V.

Recommending the Incorporation of Churches.

1. It is recommended that all the churches in this diocese should be incorporated, according to law, and that in all cases where charters have not been obtained, applications be made to the judges of the supreme court.

2. In order that such charters may conform to the essential principles of the church, as regards doctrine, discipline, and worship, it is further recommended that they shall before application to the judges, be laid before the bishop and standing committee for their examination and approbation; and in order to obtain as much uniformity in this behalf as local circumstances will admit, the following form of charter is recommended.†

* See the Journal of 1835, p. 29.

† For this form of charter, see appendix, p. 38.

VI.

Of the fund for the support of the Episcopate.

1. It is recommended to every settled clergyman, once in every year, to preach a sermon on the episcopal office, or on the apostolic succession, or on such other subject as to him shall seem best adapted to recommend this fund to support and patronage.

2. On every such occasion a contribution shall be received, for the sole and express purpose of making provision for the support of the episcopate.

3. The money so collected shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the fund, who shall keep an account of all monies received, and report at every Stated Convention.

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5. The income of the said fund shall be exclusively appropriated for the use of the bishop who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese.

VII.

Of vacant Churches.

It is earnestly recommended, that in every instance where a church is unprovided with a pastor, a standing subscription shall be prepared, which, with the pew-rents, after defraying necessary repairs, shall be set apart as a fund for the support of a pastor, when duly elected and settled; and the profits and rents of glebes, so far as is consistent with the will of the donors, shall be applied in like manner, the capital and accumulating interest to be invested from time to time in public or good land securities.

VIII.

Of the African Church of St. Thomas.

It is hereby declared that the African church of St. Thomas is not entitled to send a clergyman or deputies to the Conven-

* This section was repealed in 1833. See Journal, p. 20.

tion, or to interfere with the general government of the church, this condition being made in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of such church, at present.—*Journal, June*, 1795.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

Of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. Established A. D. 1812.

The constitution of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania having been read, it was unanimously resolved, that this Convention have received with much pleasure, information of the establishment of said society, that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution, and promise to cooperate with them in promoting their pious and benevolent designs.—*Journal, May*, 1812.

II.

Of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.—Established A. D. 1820.

This Convention heartily approves the pious design of the General Convention in the formation of said society for missionary purposes, and hereby recommends to all the churches in this diocese, to further, by their contributions and their prayers, an object so immediately connected with the prosperity of the Episcopal Church in this country, and the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom abroad. *Journal, May*, 1822.

III.

Of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Established A. D. 1817.

This Convention concurring with their venerable bishop in the interest which he has expressed upon the subject of the General Theological Seminary, do heartily recommend that institution to the zealous support and fostering care of Episcopalians throughout this diocese, as being an important mean, under Divine Providence, of supplying a learned and efficient ministry for the promulgation of the doctrines and the preservation of the worship and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church.—*Journal, May*, 1824.

IV.

Of the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is recommended to the vestries of churches throughout the state, to consider the expediency of making provision for securing to the families of their respective ministers the benefit of the funds in the hands of "The corporation for the relief," &c. &c. by paying in their behalf the annual contributions, required by the constitution of that society.—*Journal, May*, 1825.

V

Of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

This Convention highly approves of the formation of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union at the meeting of the General Convention in 1826, and heartily recommends it to the support and patronage of the members of the Church in this diocese.—*Journal, May*, 1828.

VI

Of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society. Established February 18th, 1834.

This convention cordially approves of the formation of the "Bishop White Prayer Book Society," and commends it to the favourable regard and the co-operation of the clergy and members of the church in this diocese as an important means of promoting the prosperity of the older parishes, and of greatly facilitating the formation of new congregations.—*Journal, May,* 1834, *p.* 58.

APPENDIX.

CHARTER* OF INCORPORATION OF, &c.

Whereas the following named persons, citizens of this commonwealth, viz:

have, together with other citizens, associated for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God, according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America; and have for that purpose formed a congregation at in and are now desirous to be incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act, to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and immunities of corporations or bodies politic in law." They therefore declare the following to be the objects, articles, and conditions of their said association, agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated, viz:

First. The name of the corporation shall be "The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of

Second. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

* Referred to in Regulation V., p. 33.

Any member of this church or corporation, who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this corporation, and shall not be elected, or vote in the election for vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning, or connected with, the said church or corporation.

Third. The rents and revenues of this corporation shall be from time to time, applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers, and officers of the said church, and in the erection and necessary repairs of the church and church-yard, and parsonage house and other houses which now do, or hereafter shall belong to the said corporation, and to no other use and purpose whatsoever.

Fourth. The said corporation shall not, by deed, fine or recovery, or by any other means, without the assent of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania, or of the standing committee of the diocese, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested, nor charge, nor encumber the same to any person or persons whomsoever.

Fifth. The rector of this church shall be elected by the church wardens and vestrymen, in such manner as the statutes and by-laws shall ordain. The vestry of the said church shall consist of persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others be chosen, and the election of such vestry shall be made every year on Easter Monday, by a majority of such members of the said church as shall appear by the vestry books, to have paid two successive years immediately preceding the time of such election, for a pew or sitting in the said church; provided that until the next Easter Monday after the expiration of five years from the date of this charter, members of the said church, who shall in any way have contributed to the erection of the church, or to the support of the rector or ministers thereof, shall be entitled to vote at the election of vestrymen. And provided, that in case of the failure to elect vestrymen on that day, the corporation shall not on that account be dissolved, but the election shall be holden on some other day, in such manner as the by-laws may prescribe.

Sixth. No person shall be the rector or assistant minister of this church, unless he shall have had episcopal ordination, and unless he be in full standing with the Protestant Episco-

pal Church of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the United States, and recognized as such by the Bishop of this diocese, or in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, by the standing committee of the diocese.

Seventh. The said vestry shall have full power to choose their own officers: and they shall annually, at their first meeting after their election, choose one of their own number to be one church warden, and the rector for the time being, shall elect another of the said vestrymen to be the other church warden of the said church. In case of a vacancy in the office of rector at the time of the election, the other church warden shall also be chosen by the vestry, to remain until the election of a rector, or a new election of the vestry. And during such vacancy, the church wardens for the time being, and vestrymen, shall have the same powers and authorities relating to the disposition of the rents and revenues of the said corporation, as are hereby vested in the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen. Provided always, that it shall be the duty of the said church wardens and vestrymen, to elect another rector to supply the vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

Eighth. The following named persons to be the church wardens and vestrymen, to continue in office until the election on Easter Monday next, and until others be chosen, viz:

The *ninth* article of the Charter of 1829 was rescinded by the following proceedings of the Convention of 1833. (See Journal, p. 55.)

"Whereas, it is understood by this Convention that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has refused to approve the charter of an Episcopal Church in this diocese, containing the inth article of the form of charter recommended by the fifth Revised Regulation.

"Resolved, that this Convention withdraw their recommendation of the ninth article of the form of charter, referred to in the fifth Revised Regulation, and leave to each congregation to adopt, in case the corporation is dissolved, such provision for preserving the property for the use of a Protestant Episcopal Church, on the same principles as they may deem expedient, and as may be consistent with law."

And in 1839, the following resolution was adopted by the convention. (See p. 30 of Journal of 1839.)

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different incorporated churches in the diocese, to pass a by-law, providing for the vesting of all the estate of the corporation, in case of its dissolution, in the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, to be held by it in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Church, which may be formed upon the same principles in the same neighbourhood.

DIRECTIONS

For persons desirous to become Candidates for Holy Orders, and for those desiring Ordination as Deacons and Priests.

The Secretary publishes the following directions, required by the Canons of the General Convention of 1832 and 1838, to be observed by those who wish to become candidates for holy orders, and by those who wish to be ordained Deacons and Priests.

Directions for those wishing to become Candidates for Holy Orders.

Canon IV. (1838.)

Sec. I. A person wishing to become a candidate for holy orders, must, in the first instance, give notice of his intention to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the ecclesiastical authority, or to the president of the standing committee of the diocese.

Sec. II. He is then to apply to the standing committee for their recommendation of him to the bishop, to be admitted as a candidate for orders. To enable the committee to act, he must lay before them, 1. Evidence of his having made his intention known to the bishop. 2. A certificate to the following effect, unless the standing committee can certify the same facts of their own knowledge.

"*To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

(*Date.*)

"We, the subscribers, from a satisfactory knowledge of the character of A. B., do hereby testify our belief that he is pious, sober, and honest: that he is attached to the doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a communicant of the same: and in our opinion possesses such qualifications as will render him apt and meet to exercise the ministry to the glory of God, and the edifying of the Church."

*** The above certificate should be signed by one presbyter, and at least four respectable laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

It is not absolutely essential that the signers of the above should have a personal acquaintance with the applicant; but they may act upon such knowledge of his character from other sources, as is satisfactory to them.

3. Sec. III. A satisfactory diploma, or a certificate from the instructor or instructors of some approved literary institution, which certificate must state what have been his studies, and the extent of his improvement in them: or a certificate from two presbyters, appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, to examine him: of his possessing such academical learning as may enable him to enter advantageously on a course of theology.—Or, (Sec. IV.) When the person applying to be admitted a candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and other branches of learning, not strictly ecclesiastical, to be dispensed with, he must, instead of the above-mentioned diploma or certificate, lay before the standing committee a testimonial, signed by at least two presbyters of the Church, stating that in their opinion, he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence, with proper evidence that the bishop, with the consent of the standing committee, has granted such dispensation. The canons provide that *this dispensation shall not be granted to any person under twenty-seven years of age*, and that no person shall be *ordained* under such a dispensation until he shall have attained *thirty years* of age; but as to the Hebrew language, the power of dispensation rests with the bishop alone, without re-

ference to the age of the candidate. The standing committee may then sign a testimonial in behalf of the applicant, which he must produce to the bishop, who (Sec. VI.) may thereon admit him as a candidate for orders; in which station he must remain three years before his ordination, unless the bishop, with the consent of the standing committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain him after the expiration of a shorter period, not less than one year.

The canons contain also the following provisions, which, however, have no relation to the testimonials. (Sec. V.) With this enumeration of qualifications, it ought to be made known to the candidate, that the Church expects of him what can never be brought to the test of any outward standard,—an inward fear and worship of Almighty God; a love of religion, and sensibility to its holy influence; a habit of devout affection; and, in short, a cultivation of all those graces which are called in Scripture the fruits of the Spirit, and by which alone his sacred influence can be manifested.

Sec. IX. If a candidate shall not, within three years after his admission, apply for his first and second examinations, or within five years for his third and fourth examinations, he shall, in either case, cease to be a candidate, (unless the bishop, for satisfactory reasons assigned to him, shall allow him further time.)*

Sec. X. Any person desirous to become a candidate for holy orders, must apply to the bishop or ecclesiastical authority of the diocese in which he resides, unless they shall consent that the application be made in some other diocese.

Candidates are not to change their canonical residence, but for bona fide causes requiring the same, and to be judged of by the bishop or ecclesiastical authority.

Directions for Candidates for Holy Orders, wishing to be ordained Deacons.

Canon XV.

Sec. II. (of 1832.) A candidate for holy orders, wishing to be ordained a deacon, must lay before the standing committee a testimonial in the following words:

* For the subjects of the four examinations for orders, candidates are referred to Canon XV. of 1832, established by the General Convention.

"*To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

"We, whose names are hereunder written, do testify, from evidence satisfactory to us, that A. B., for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not, so far as we know or believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and moreover, we think him a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of deacon. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, in vestry meeting, this —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord, ——."

The above certificate is to be subscribed *in vestry meeting*, by the minister and vestry of the parish where the candidate resides, or by the vestry alone, if the parish be vacant, (of which circumstance the committee must be duly certified,) and must contain the names of at least a majority of all the wardens and vestrymen. The *respective titles* of the minister, wardens, and vestrymen, *must be attached* to their signatures. If there is no vestry where the candidate resides, the circumstance must be certified to the committee, and then the testimonial must be signed by at least twelve respectable persons of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

It is not absolutely essential that the signers of this testimonial should be *personally* acquainted with the candidate; they may act upon a satisfactory knowledge of his character from any other source.

The candidate must also lay before the standing committee a certificate in the following words:

"*To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

"I do hereby testify that A. B., for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not, so far as I know or believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and moreover, I think him a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of deacon. This testimonial is founded on my personal knowledge of the said A. B., for one year last past, and for the residue of the said time upon evidence that is satisfactory to me. In witness whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand this —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord ——."

The above testimonial must be signed by at least one respectable presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. The standing committee may then sign the canonical recommendation to the bishop for orders; which is to be presented to the bishop.

Directions for Deacons wishing to be Ordered Priests.

A deacon wishing to be ordered a priest, must lay before the standing committee the *same testimonials*, subscribed in the same way as those required of him on his application for ordination as a deacon, except (Sec. V.) that they may be so altered as to extend to such portion only of the three years preceding his application for priests' orders, as has elapsed since his ordination as deacon; and except also, that if he be the minister of the parish, the testimonial of piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, shall be signed by the vestry alone. The standing committee may then give him the canonical recommendation for orders; which is to be presented to the bishop.

No person shall be ordained priest, unless he shall produce to the bishop a satisfactory certificate, from some church, parish, or congregation, that he is engaged with them, and that they will receive him as their minister: or unless he be a missionary under the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to which he belongs; or in the employment of some missionary society recognised by the General Convention; or unless he be engaged as a professor, tutor, or instructor of youth, in some college, academy, or other seminary of learning, duly incorporated.

Candidates for ordination as priests or deacons, are referred to the following further provisions.

Canon XV. (1832.)

Sec. 3. If the candidate, from peculiar circumstances not affecting his pious or moral character, shall be unable to procure testimonials from the minister and vestry of the parish where he resides, testimonials to the effect required may be received from at least twelve respectable members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and from at

least one respectable presbyter who has been personally acquainted with the candidate for at least one year.

Sec. IV. A candidate recommended by the standing committee of any church destitute of a Bishop, if he shall have resided for the greater part of the last three years within the diocese of a Bishop, shall apply to such Bishop for ordination, and shall produce the usual testimonials, as well from the standing committee of the diocese in which he has resided, as from the committee of the church in the diocese for which he is to be ordained.

Ministers, Licentiates, and Students of Theology, among other religious denominations, who may desire to take orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, are referred to the following Canon of the General Convention for directions.

Canon VII. (1838.)

Concerning Candidates for Orders in this Church who have been Ministers, Licentiates, or Students of Theology, among other Religious Denominations.

Sec. I. All persons seeking admission to the Ministry of this Church, are to be regarded as Candidates for Holy Orders.

Sec. II. When a person who, not having had Episcopal Ordination, has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister or Licentiate among any other denomination of Christians, shall desire to be ordained in this Church, he shall give notice thereof to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which he resides; or if he resides in a State or Territory in which there is no organized Diocese, to the Missionary Bishop within whose jurisdiction he resides; which notice shall be accompanied with a written certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church, stating, that from personal knowledge of the party, or satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the denomination to which he has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavourable to his religious or moral character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the Ministry in this Church: and they may also add what they know, or believe on good authority, of the circumstances leading to the said desire.

Sec. III. If the Bishop or Standing Committee shall think

proper to proceed, the party applying to be received as a Candidate, shall produce to the Standing Committee the same testimonials of literary qualifications as are required of all other Candidates; and also a testimonial from at least twelve members of the denomination from which he came, or twelve members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or twelve persons, in part of the denomination from which he came, and in part Episcopalians, satisfactory to the Committee, that the applicant has, for three years last past, lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and also, a testimonial from at least two Presbyters of this Church, that they believe him to be pious, sober, and honest, and sincerely attached to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church. The Standing Committee being satisfied on these points, may recommend him to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Orders in this Church, or in a vacant Diocese the Standing Committee may so receive him.

Sec. IV. Candidates admitted as above may, at the expiration of a period not less than six months, be ordained, on their passing the same examinations as other Candidates for Deacon's Orders; and in the examinations, special regard shall be had to those points in which the denomination whence they come differs from this Church, with a view of testing their information and soundness in the same; and also to the ascertaining that they are adequately acquainted with the liturgy and offices of this Church; provided, that in their case the testimonials shall be required to cover only the time since their admission as Candidates for Orders; and provided, also, that the provisions of the Canon concerning Candidates for Orders, as far as the same relates to the age of the person to whom the dispensation may be granted, and the mode and restrictions in and under which the same may be granted, shall apply to the persons mentioned in this Canon.

Sec. V. Every candidate for the Ministry of any other denomination, who applies to be received as a Candidate for Orders in this Church, may be allowed by the Bishop, with the consent of the members of the Standing Committee, the period of time during which he has been a student of Theology, or Candidate in such other denomination; provided, the time so allowed does not exceed two years.

Sec. VI. When any person not a citizen of the United States, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for

Orders in this Church, the Bishop to whom application is made, shall require of him (in addition to the above qualifications) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States previous to his application.

SEC. VII. The third Canon of 1835 is hereby repealed.

Course of Ecclesiastical Studies, established by the House of Bishops in the Convenion of 1804, *in pursuance of a Resolution of the preceding General Convention.*

In attending to this subject, a considerable difficulty occurs, arising out of the difference of the circumstances of students, in regard not only to intellectual endowments and preparatory knowledge of languages and science; but to access to authors, and time to be devoted to a preparation for the ministry. For in accommodating to those whose means are slender, we are in danger of derogating from the importance of religious knowledge; while, on the other hand, although we should demand all that is desirable, we shall be obliged to content ourselves, in some cases, with what is barely necessary.

In consideration of the above, it will be expedient to set down such a course of study, as is accommodated to a moderate portion of time and means; and afterward to suggest provision, as well for a more limited, as for a more enlarged share of both.

Let the student be required to begin with some books in proof of the *divine authority of Christianity;* such as Grotius on the Truth of the Christian Religion; Jenkins on the Reasonableness of Christianity; Paley's Evidences; Leslie's Methods with the Jews and Deists; Stillingfleet's Origines Sacræ; and Butler's Analogy. To the above should be added some books which give a knowledge of the objections made by Deists. For this, Leland's View may be sufficient; except that it should be followed by answers to deistical writers since Leland, whose works, and the answers to them, may be supposed known to the student. It would be best, if circumstances permit, that he should read what the Deists themselves have written.

After the books in proof of revelation, let the student, previously to the reading of any system of divinity, study the Scriptures with the help of some approved commentators, such as Patrick and Lowth on the Old Testament; and Ham-

mond, or Whitby, or Doddridge on the New; being aware, in regard to the last mentioned author, of the points on which he differs from our Church, although it be with moderation and candour. During such, his study of the Scriptures, let him read some work or works which give an account of the *design* of the different *books*, and the *grounds* on which their respective *authority* is asserted; for instance, Father Simon's Canon of Scripture, Collier's Sacred Interpreter, Gray's Key to the Old Testament, and Percy's Key to the New. Let the student read the Scriptures over and over, referring to his commentators as need may require, until he can give an account of the *design* and *character* of each *book*, and explain the more *difficult passages* of it. He is supposed to know enough of *profane history*, to give an account of that also, whenever it mixes with the *sacred*. There are certain important subjects which may be profitably attended to, as matters of distinct study, during the course of the general study of Scripture. For instance, the student having proceeded as far as the *deluge*, may read some *author* who gives a larger *account* than the *commentators*, of the particulars attached to that crisis; and also the principles on which are founded the different systems of *chronology*; all which will be found clearly done in the *Universal History*. In reading the book of Leviticus, it will be useful to attend to some connected scheme of the *sacrifices*, such as is exhibited by Bishop Kidder in his introduction to the Pentateuch, and by Mr. Joseph Mede in some of his discourses. A more full and interesting interpretation of the *prophecies* than can be expected from the commentators, will be desirable, and for this purpose, let Bishop Newton's work be taken. Between the study of the Old Testament and that of the New, should be read Prideaux's and Shuckford's Connexions. With the new Testament should be taken some book relating to the Harmony of the Gospels, as McKnight's or Bishop Newcombe's. Let the student, before entering on the *Gospels*, read Dr. Campbell's Introductory Dissertations. Toward the close of the *Gospels*, the subject of the *Resurrection* should be particularly attended to; for which purpose let there be taken either Mr. West on the subject, or Bishop Sherlock's Trial of the Witnesses. After the study of the Scriptures, let attention be given to ecclesiastical history, so far as to the Council of Nice. This period is *distinctly* taken, from a desire that the *portion of history preceding it*, as well as the *opinions* then

entertained, may be learned from *original writers;* which may be considered as one of the best expedients for the guarding of the student against many *errors of modern times.* The writers of that interval are not numerous or bulky. Eusebius is soon read through; and so are the Apostolic Fathers. Even the other writers are not voluminous, except Origen, the greater part of whose works may be passed over. The Apostolic Fathers may be best read in Cotelerius' edition; but there are translations of most of them, by Archbishop Wake and the Rev. William Reeves. Cave's Lives of the Apostles and Fathers may be profitably read at this period.

This stage of the student's progress seems the most proper for the *study* of the two questions, of our Lord's *Divinity*, and of *Episcopacy*. The aspect of *early works* on these subjects, best enables us to ascertain in what shape they appear to the respective writers. And it is difficult to suppose, on the ground of what we know of human nature, that, during the first *three centuries*, either the *character of Christ* should have been conceived of as materially different from what had been the representation of it by the *first teachers* of our religion; or, that there should have been a material change of *Church Government*, without opposition to the innovation. For the *former* question, let the works of Bishop Bull and the Rev. Charles Leslie be taken; to which may well be added, the late controversy between Bishop Horsley and Dr. Priestly; and for the *latter*, Mr. Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, Archbishop Potter on Church Government, and Daubeny's Guide to the Church. As the Lord Chancellor King published a book on the Discipline of the Primitive Church, in which he has rested Episcopacy on insufficient grounds, unwarily admitted by many on his authority; let the student read his book, and the refutation of it in Mr. Slater's Original Draught of the Primitive Church.

After this, let the student go on with the History of the Fourth Century, from Mosheim. But it will be of advantage to him to turn to Fleury's History, for the *epitomes* there given of the writings of the eminent men who abounded in *that century* and part of the *next*. Let him then return to Mosheim, and go on with that writer to the *Reformation*. Here let him pause and study, as the main hinges of *Popery*, its pretences to *supremacy* and *infallibility*; on which there will be found satisfactory matter in Mr. Chillingworth's Religion of Protestants a Safe Way to Salvation,

and Dr. Barrow's Treatise of the Pope's Supremacy. Here also let there be read Father Paul's History of the Council of Trent. Then let the student resume Mosheim. But it will be best if, for a more minute knowledge of the History of the Church of England, since the *Reformation*, he take along with him Collier's History, a very able work, but in the reading of which some allowance must be made for peculiar prejudices. On coming, in the reign of Elizabeth, to the questions which arose between the divines of the *Established Church* and the *Presbyterians*, then known by the name of *Puritans*, let recourse be again had to Mr. Hooker's work and to the London Cases. Then let Mosheim be proceeded with to the end.

After these studies, and not before, let *divinity* be read in a *systematic* method. Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed may be considered as a small system, and, on account of the excellence of the work, is recommended; as also Bishop Burnet's Exposition of the Thirty-nine Articles. Then let a larger system be taken; suppose Stackhouse's Body of Divinity, with the addition of the following modern works: Elements of Christian Theology, by the present Bishop of Lincoln, and the Scholar Armed. That many works of this sort are not mentioned, is because we think their utility is principally confined to arrangement, and suppose that the knowledge they convey is to be obtained from the scriptures and judicious commentators.

It seems necessary to this course of study, to recommend the *sermons* of some of the distinguished preachers, who have so abounded in the Church of England for some ages past, that the only matter will be, from among many of great name, to select a convenient number.

It seems not unnecessary to require attention to the History of the Common Prayer, the *grounds* on which the *different services* are constructed, and the *meaning* of the *Rubrics*. Perhaps a careful study of Dr. Wheatley on the Common Prayer, and of the late work of Mr. Reeves, will be sufficient.

Some books should be read on the *duties of the pastoral office;* such as St. Chrysostom on the Priesthood, Bishop Burnet on the Pastoral Care, and Bishop Wilson's Parochialia. It is, however, to be remembered, that one reason for studying carefully the Book of Common Prayer and its Rubrics, is, that by the help of these, in connexion with what belongs in Scrip-

ture, to the ministerial character, sufficient information of its duties may be had.

A knowledge of the *Constitution and the Canons* should be held absolutely necessary.

To set down what books shall be *essential*, no *student* to be *ordained* without being *fully prepared to answer* on them, is more difficult. The *lowest requisition* is as follows: Paley's Evidences; Mosheim, with a reference to Mr. Hooker for the Episcopacy; Stackhouse's Body of Divinity; and Mr. Reeves on the Common Prayer; the Constitution and Canons of the Church; allowing in the study of the Scriptures, a latitude of choice among approved commentators; it being understood, that if the student cannot, on the grounds contained in some good commentary, *give an account* of the *different books*, and *explain* such *passages* as may be *proposed* to him, this is of itself a *disqualification*.

In the beginning, it was intimated that the course to be recommended, would be disproportioned to the means of some, and fall short of what would be within the compass of others.

During the whole course of study, the student will endeavour, by the grace of God, to cultivate his heart by attention to *devotional* and *practical* treatises.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Qualifications for entering the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Persons producing satisfactory evidence of their being candidates for holy orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, with full (that is, including *literary*) attainments, agreeably to the IV Canon of the General Convention of 1838, will, on application, be received into the Seminary.

This should be particularly noted in the certificate, as the mere fact of their being *candidates for orders*, is not sufficient.

All others will be admitted who produce satisfactory evidence of religious and moral character, and of attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a diploma from some college; or, if they have not been through college, stand a

satisfactory examination by the faculty, on the general principles of natural and moral philosophy and rhetoric; and in the Latin and Greek languages, on the following works, or such others as shall be considered an equivalent substitute:—Sallust, Virgil's Æneid, Cicero's Orations, or De Officiis; and the four Gospels, Xenophon's Cyropœdia, and the first three books of Homer.

Provided that in all cases, applicants must stand an examination in the Gospels and Acts in the Greek; and in the primary elements of the Hebrew language; and each candidate must be able to read and pronounce the Hebrew with facility, according to the masoretic punctuation, and be acquainted with the paradigm of a regular verb, in all its conjugations.

The above requisitions will be *strictly enforced.* Candidates must also present a specimen of English composition.

All applicants ought to present themselves during the week immediately preceding the first Monday in October.

Every candidate must enter the junior or lowest class, at the commencement of the fall session; or stand a satisfactory examination on the studies which have been pursued by the class into which he seeks admittance.

The expenses of a Student, during the Seminary year, for boarding, washing, fuel, and lights, is about *One Hundred and Ten* Dollars. There is no charge for room-rent or for tuition.

Form of the Certificate for Lay Deputies to Convention.

(See Canon XIII, p. 26.)

It is hereby certified, that, at a meeting of the vestry of Church, in the county of , held on the day of 18 , Mr. was duly elected a lay deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Pennsylvania, to be held in on the day of next; and that the said deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election, a worshipper in the said Church.

Dated this of 18

Warden.

Vestrymen.

N. B. If more than one deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

N. B. According to Canon XIII, "no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the Convention of this Diocese, shall be allowed or received."

Form of a Parochial Report. (See Canon XII, Sec. 3, p. 26.)

To the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Report of the Parish of Church, in in the county of for the year ending May 1st, 18 .

CONGREGATION. Families, ; Adults, ; Children, Total, .

BAPTISMS. Adults, ; Infants, ; Total, .

CONFIRMED, .

COMMUNICANTS. Added, ; Died or removed, ; Present number, .

MARRIAGES, .

BURIALS, .

PUBLIC SERVICES. On Sundays, ; other days, ; Total, .

CHILDREN CATECHIZED, ; Times, .

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Male, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, ; Female, ; Teachers, ; Pupils ; Total, Schools, ; Teachers, ; Pupils, .

BIBLE CLASSES, ; Members, .

COLLECTIONS. Episcopal Fund, $; Convention Fund, $; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $; Missionary and other purposes, $; Total, $.

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RESIDENCES OF THE CITY CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. resides in south 13th street, east side, one door below Locust.
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. No. 92 Union street.
Rev. Charles H. Alden, No. 6 Portico Square, Spruce street, Principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies.
Rev. Thomas G. Allen, No. 14 Jefferson Row, Lombard street, west of Eighth street, City Missionary.
Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's, N. L. resides near the first turnpike-gate, Frankford Road.
Rev. Thomas Brentnall, north Tenth street, near Poplar Lane.
Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Church, resides near Gray's Ferry.
Rev. William Bryant, No. 1 north Eleventh street, Teacher.
Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, No. 32 Sansom street.
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Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, resides in 11th street, first door below Lombard street.
Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, resides No. 145 Queen street.
Rev. Horace L. Conolly, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, No. 140 south 10th street.
Rev. Robert Davis, at the south-east corner of 11th and Market streets.
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, resides in Arch street above Fourth.
Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, in Marshall street, near Green.
Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, No. 8 Girard Place.
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Rev. Herman Hooker, north-west corner of Chesnut and 5th streets.
Rev. Joseph Jaquett, No. 129 south 6th street, Teacher of Hebrew.
Rev. Jno. J. Kerr, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Moyamensing, Fitzwater street, near Ninth.
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Rev. Amos D. McCoy, No. 294 Walnut street.
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Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, resides No. 65, north Twelfth street.
Rev. James B. Tyng, No. 485 Chesnut street.
Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, No. 428 Walnut street, west of Broad.
Rev. Peter Van Pelt, No. 315 Chesnut street.
Rev. Charles Williams, resides in Spruce street, above Broad.
Rev. James Wilmank, Arch street near 9th, north side.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES ARE HELD

In St. Andrew's Church, on the *first* Sunday evening of every month.
In Grace Church, on the *second* Sunday evening.
In St. Stephen's Church, on the *third* Sunday evening.
In the Church of the Ascension on the *third* Sunday evening.
In the Church of the Epiphany, on the *last* Sunday evening, which is the fourth or fifth Sunday as it may be.
The Churches of Trinity, and of the Evangelists, and Zion Church, are open every Sunday night.

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OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D.
*Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D.D.
*Joseph Adderly,
*William Adderly,
*Charles W. Andrews,
Frederick W. Beasley,
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd,
*Charles Breck,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
John A. Clark,
William James Clark,
John B. Clemson,
John Coleman,
*Thomas Crumpton,
Robert Davis,
Benjamin Dorr,
Jacob M. Douglass,
George C. Drake,
Henry W. Ducachet,
*Walter E. Franklin,
Lyman N. Freeman,
*Patrick H. Greenleaf,
*Richard D. Hall,

Rev. Joshua L. Harrison,
William Hilton,
Charles V. Kelley,
*Francis H. L. Laird,
Freeman Lane,
Alfred Lee,
*Samuel T. Lord,
Alfred Louderback,
*John L. McKim,
John H. Marsden,
John G. Maxwell,
*James May,
*Tobias H. Mitchell,
Alfred A. Miller,
George Mintzer,
Richard U. Morgan,
Henry J. Morton,
George W. Natt,
Willie Peck,
*William S. Perkins,
Greenbury W. Ridgley,
John Rodney,
Joshua M. Rogers,
*George Sheets,
Nathan Stem,
William Suddards,

Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot,
*Stephen H. Tyng,
*George Upfold,
Edward Waylen,
Rev. William White,
*Bird Wilson,
James Wiltbank—58.

N. B. Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LAY DEPUTIES.

John T. Adams,
Wm. Adams,
Wm. Alexander,
Lewis R. Ashhurst,
John L. Atlee,
*Frederick D. Baker,
Charles N. Bancker,
Cyrus Barton,
*Christian Bæhm,
*John Beatty,
Horace Binney,
George Breck,
*Clement Brooke,
Thomas Brown,
Thos. K. Bull,
John Campbell,
Durden B. Carter,
Benjamin Chew,
*M. C. Clarkson,
*John Collins,
Herman Cope,
Clement Cresson,
Thomas Crewys,
*Wm. Darlington,
Isaac C. Derrick,
Charles Evans,
Edward Evans,
John Farr,
*T. E. Franklin,
John D. George,
Edmund Green,
Gwinner,
R. C. Hale,
G. W. Hamersley,
Stephen M. Harris,
*Thos. J. Henderson,
Robert C. Hill,
E. P. Hughes,
Martin Ivens,
Benjamin Jackson,
*Phineas Jenks,
Benj. F. Johnson,
*James C. Kempton,
Jno. W. Kester,
Wm. Kirkham,
Wm. H. Klapp,
Lawrence S. Lardner,
James R. Lambdin,
John Larkin, jr.
Wm. Letford,
Abraham J. Lewis,
Joel Lightner,
John Lightner,
John S. Littell,
Wm. Little,
George Lodge,
Charles McDonald,
*P. McGilchrist,
John McKay,
Henry McKenty,
Joseph Mason,
James Moore,
David Morgan,
*Caspar Morris,

James S. Newbold,
Wm. H. Newbold,
*Robt. Nicholls,
Philip H. Nicklin,
Wm. B. Norton,
Isaac B. Parker,
Edward Owen Parry,
*Issacher Pawling,
*James Peacock,
Thos. H. Powers,
Robt. Ralston,
*F. W. Rawle,
*Wm. Rawle,
Osman Reed,
Matthias S. Richards,
Wm. A. Richards,
James Ridings,
Thos. Robins,
Thos. Robinson,
David Rutter,
Samuel Shaffer,
*James Silliman, jr.
Jos. Sims,
*Theodore F. Sitgreaves,
F. Gurney Smith,
C. S. Smith,
Jas. S. Smith,
Richard S. Smith,
Levi B. Smith,
Wade T. Smith,
Samuel Snelling,
*Jno. Solomon,
*Thos Stephens,
*Cornelius Stevenson,
Edward J. Stiles,
*Charles Stratford,
*Geo. M. Stroud,
Zadoc Thomas,
John Tweddle,
Samuel Wagner,
Wm. Ward,
*Joseph Watson,
James Watkins,
Geo. M. Wharton,
Thos. I. Wharton,
*Peter Williamson,
Christian Wiltberger,
*Charles Wingate,
*Horace E. Wolf,
*James Worth—114.

N. B. The Lay Deputies who did not answer to their names are marked in the above List thus *.

Roll of Churches and their Deputies.

Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county. Thomas Stephens, M. C. Clarkson, John Collins.

St. Gabriel's church, Amity township, Morlattin, Berk's county. Henry McKenty.

Christ church, Reading, Berks county. Matthias S. Richards, William A. Richards.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county. Levi B. Smith, David Morgan, Thomas Crewys.

St. James' the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county. George Breck.

St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county. James Worth, Peter Gwinner, Phineas Jenks.

St. John's church, New London township, Chester county. Charles McDonald.

St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal township, Chester county. Clement Brooke, Samuel Shafer, Thomas K. Bull.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county. William Little.

St. John's church, Pequea township, Chester county. Thos. G. Henderson, Stephen M. Harris, Frederic D. Baker.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township, Chester county. Joseph Mason.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county. Robert Ralston, James Watkins.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county. Charles Evens, Issacher Pawling.

Church of Holy Trinity, West Chester, Chester county. William Darlington, M. D., John Tweddle, John Solomon.

St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county. Cyrus Barton.

St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county. Isaac B. Parker, Edward J. Stiles.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county. John T. Adams, James Peacock, E. P. Hughes.

St. Martin's, Lower, Chichester township, Marcus-hook, Delaware county. Benjamin F. Johnson, John Larkin, jr., George Lodge.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor, Delaware county. John Campbell.

Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county. Isaac C. Derrick, Richard S. Smith.

St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county. John L. Atlee, G. W. Hamersly, F. E. Franklin.

Christ church, Leacock township, Lancaster county. Joel Lightner, John Lightner, Christian Bean.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-barré, Luzerne county. William B. Norton, P. McGilchrist.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county. R. C. Hale, F. W. Rawle, Charles Stratford.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county. Edward Evens.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county. John McKay, Zadock Thomas, Robert Nichols.

Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county. Theodore F. Sitgreaves, Horace E. Wolf.

Christ church, Philadelphia. Horace Binney, Philip H. Nicklin, Wade T. Smith.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. James S. Smith, Joseph Sims, Francis G. Smith.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. Durden B. Carter, William Rawle, George M. Wharton.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John Farr, John D. George, William Alexander.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Thomas I. Wharton, Charles N. Bancker, William Kirkham.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Thomas Robins, Cornelius Stevenson, Abraham Lewis.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Samuel Snelling, Herman Cope, William H. Newbold.

Epiphany church, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashhurst, Caspar Morris, Joseph Watson.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. James R. Lambdin, Charles S. Smith, James S. Newbold.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia. Osman Read, William Letford, John W. Kester.

Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia. Peter Williamson, William H. Klapp, M. D., David Rutter, M. D.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county. Hon. George M. Stroud, Thomas Robinson, John Beatty.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township, Philadelphia county. Lawrence S. Lardner.

Trinity church, Oxford township, Philadelphia county. Edmund Green.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county. Benjamin Chew, Benjamin Jackson, John S. Littell.

Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia. Martin Ivens, Thomas H. Powers, Clement Cresson.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia, Philadelphia county. Christian Wiltberger, William Adams, Thomas Brown.

St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county. Samuel Wagner, James C. Kempton.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county. James Moore, James Ridings, Charles Wingate.

Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county. Robert C. Hill, James Silliman, jr., Edward Owen Parry.

St. Mark's church, New Milford, Susquehanna county. William Ward.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 19th, 1840, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the meeting proceeded to organise. The Right Rev. Dr. Kemper, Missionary Bishop, was, agreeably to a standing resolution of the Convention, conducted by the Bishop of the Diocese to a chair in the chancel. A list of the clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names.

Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.

Rev. George Boyd, D. D.
Levi Bull,
John A. Clark,
Wm. J. Clark,
John B. Clemson,
John Coleman,
Robert Davis,
Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
Jacob M. Douglass,
George C. Drake,
Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.
Alfred Lee,

Rev. John H. Marsden,
John S. Maxwell,
Alfred A. Miller,
Richard U. Morgan,
Henry J. Morton,
John W. Natt,
Willie Peck,
John Rodney,
Joshua M. Rogers,
Nathan Stem,
Mortimer R. Talbot,
William White,
James Wiltbank.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their ıtment, answered to their names, and took their seats.

'. Adams,
R. Ashhurst,
John L. Atlee,
Chas. N. Bancker,

Cyrus Barton,
Horace Binney,
Thos. K. Bull,
Herman Cope,
Clement Cresson,
Thos. Crewys,
Chas. Evans,
Ed. Evans,
John Farr,
John D. George,
Stephen M. Harris,
E. P. Hughes,
Martin Ivens,
Wm. Kirkham,
Wm. H. Klapp,
John Larkin, jr.
A. J. Lewis,
John Lightner,
Joel Lightner,
Geo. Lodge,
Joseph Mason,
Chas. McDonald,
Henry McKenty,
Wm. Letford,
James Moore,
David Morgan,
Jas. S. Newbold,
Wm. H. Newbold,
P. H. Nicklin,
Isaac B. Parker,
Thos. H. Powers,
Robert Ralston,
Osmon Reed,
Matthias S. Richards,
Wm. A. Richards,
Jas. Ridings,
Thos. Robins,
Thos. Robinson,
Samuel Shafer,
Jas. S. Smith,
F. G. Smith,
Levi B. Smith.
Richard S. Smith,
Wade T. Smith,
Jas. Snelling,
Edward J. Stiles,
Jno. Tweddle,
Wm. Ward,
Jas. Watkins,
Geo. M. Wharton.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, the Rev. Levi Bull and the Rev. R. U. Morgan, being appointed tellers on the part of the clergy to receive their votes, and Messrs. Osmon Reed and J. S. Smith, tellers to receive the votes of the laity. After repeated ballots, not resulting in a choice by both orders, on motion of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, it was resolved, that a committee of conference be appointed of two clergymen and two laymen, to nominate some member of this body for the office of Secretary. Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Morton and Bull, and Messrs. Wm. H. Newbold and P. H. Nicklin were appointed. They were instructed to retire, and after conference, reported the name of George M. Wharton, Esq., a lay deputy from St. James' Church, Philadelphia. Whereupon, the Convention proceeded to another ballot. The tellers having reported that Mr. Geo. M. Wharton had received the majority of the votes of both orders, he was declared elected accordingly, as the Secretary of this body.

The Bishop laid upon the table, the official list of all the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, corrected up to this date.

The Convention then adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Wednesday, May 20th, 1840, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The convention met and attended divine service. Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, and the Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Rodney, after which the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Bishop Kemper, and the Rev. Messrs. Rodney and Miller.

The Convention was called to order after service. The Secretary stated that he had availed himself of the offer of his services by the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, late Secretary of the Convention, who would assist the Secretary in the performance of his duties. The roll was then called. The minutes of yesterday P. M. were read and approved. The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz: the Rev. Messrs. F. W. Beasley, Saml. Bowman, Freeman Lane, Edward Y. Buchanan, Lyman N. Freeman, Alfred Louderback, Joshua L. Harrison, Wm. Hilton, Geo. Mintzer, G. W. Ridgley, Edward Waylen.

The following Lay-deputies not present yesterday, and entitled to seats, appeared and took their seats. Benjamin F. Johnson, Isaac C. Derrick, John McKay, Zadoc Thomas, Joseph Sims, Durden B. Carter, William Alexander, Charles S. Smith, John W. Kester, David Rutter, Benjamin Jackson, John S. Littell, Thomas I. Wharton.

The following deputies presented their certificates, answered to their names, and took their seats; viz: Edward Owen Parry, George Breck, Peter Gwinner, John Campbell, Lawrence S. Lardner, Edmund Green, Samuel Wagner.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, as follows.

RULES OF ORDER.

s business of every day shall be introduced with a
prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day, viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as

may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Robert Davis offered and subsequently withdrew a motion to admit the Rev. Peter Van Pelt to a seat in the Convention, as an infirm clergyman.

A list of the clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, agreeably to Canon XIV, Sect. 5, but no one of them being present, answers were not received.

The proposed charter of Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks county, was laid on the table.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

The first event I am to announce to you, in this my annual communication, is the decease of one of the Bishops of our Church. On the 25th of August, the diocese of South Carolina was deprived by death of its much beloved head, the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen. I was honoured in early life with the acquaintance of Dr. Bowen, and recollect, with great satisfaction, the high opinion I formed of his talent and amiableness. And since I was promoted to the same high office, and have been his companion in the councils of the Church, I have continued to regard with pleasure his exemplary mildness and urbanity. Dr. Bowen was the last survivor of the five bishops who united in my consecration. The diocese of South Carolina has chosen for his successor the Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, D. D., an eminent brother in the ministry, well known, for his zeal, and devotedness, and soundness in the truth, to all of us who have taken part or interest in the general affairs of our branch of the Redeemer's kingdom.

It is recently announced that the Rev. Mr. Elliott has been chosen Bishop of the diocese of Georgia.

The proposed alteration of the General Constitution of our Church, mentioned in my last Address, did not come before our Convention, as I supposed it would. On that subject, I [illegible] no occasion for further remarks.

[illegible] the affairs of this diocese, I make, in conformity with [illegible]n VII, of 1835, the following statement.

I have *preached*, usually twice, and occasionally three times, on every Sunday and principal Holyday, including six Sundays spent in Delaware. In the churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have preached 50 times; and at the Orphan House, once.

Returning from a visit to the diocese of Delaware, I preached, in June last, at Westchester, twice; at Easton, twice; at Oxford; at Frankford; and at Hamiltonville. In July, at Westchester; at Leacock; and near Paradise; then, on a North Eastern journey, at Easton; at Honesdale, three times; at Bethany; at Prompton; at Carbondale, twice; at Dundaff; at Montrose, three times; at New Milford, twice; at Pike (Wyalusing Creek) twice; at Towanda, twice; and in August, on the same journey, at Pike, again; at Springville, twice; and at Wilkesbarré, twice. Also, in August, at Lower Dublin; at Holmesburgh, twice; at New London ⋈ Roads; at West Marlborough; at West Whiteland; and at St. Peter's, Great Valley. In September, at West Vincent; at Honeybrook; at Churchtown; at Morgantown; at East Nantmeal; at Phœnixville; at Perkiomen; at Norristown; at Rockdale; at Concord; at Newtown; and at Bristol. In October, at York, three times. In the same month, on a northern tour, at Mauch Chunk, twice; at Beaver Meadow; at Bloomsburgh, twice; at Danville, twice; at Jerseytown, twice; at Sugarloaf, twice; at Orangeville; at Derry; at Muncy, three times; at Milton; at Williamsport; at Covington; at Wellsborough, twice; at Blossburgh; at Sunbury, twice; at Pottsville; at Schuylkill Haven; at Reading; at Pottstown, twice; and at Douglassville, (Morlattin). In November, at Norristown, three times; at Chester, twice; at Marcus Hook; at Rockdale; and at Concord. In December, at Radnor Church; and at Lower Merion. In March, at Germantown; and at Lancaster, twice. In April, at Phœnixville; at Norristown; at Yardleyville; at Hulmeville; and at Bristol. And last Sunday, I preached at Manayunk twice; and at Francisville.

The sacrament of the *Holy Eucharist* I have administered in this diocese twenty-three times, including all the public occasions, and one administration of it in private to a sick person. I do not find, by my Register, that I have officiated at any *burial*. Of *Baptisms*, I have performed and recorded four, all of children. I have solemnised eleven *marriages*. My legal record of baptisms and marriages is in the Parish Register of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

I have administered the ordinance of *Confirmation* 61 times in our congregations, three times in private to sick persons, and twice in the Swedes Church, Gloria Dei; in all, 66 times. At Easton, I confirmed 12 persons, and again 5 persons, total 17. At Westchester, 4 persons; at Leacock, 3; at Honesdale, 7; and again 1, total 8; at Carbondale, 9; and again 1, total 10; at New Milford, 3; at Montrose, 3; at Pike, 2; at Springville, 7; and one sick person in private, total 8; at Wilkes-barré, 5; at Lower Dublin, 8; at West Marlborough, 2; in St. Peter's, Great Valley, 1; at West Vincent, 7; at Honeybrook, 6; at Morgantown, 3; at East Nantmeal, 3; at Perkiomen, 2; at Rockdale, 22; and again 12, total 34; at Bristol, 16; at Mauch Chunk, 4; at Bloomsburgh, 12; at Danville, 7; at Sugarloaf, 6: at Muncy, 4; at Wellsborough, 8; and one sick person in private, total 9; at Sunbury, 9; and one sick person in private, total 10; at Pottsville, 12; at Norristown, 12; at Marcus Hook, 13; at Concord, 2; at Germantown, 9; at Lancaster, 6; at Manayunk, 3; and at Francisville, 10.

In the Churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have held the following Confirmations. In the congregation of St. Mark's, Moyamensing, I confirmed 16 persons. In Emanuel Church, Kensington, 5 persons, and again 18, total 23. In St. Peter's Church, 24. In St. Thomas', 17. In the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, 57, and again, 20, total, 77. In Trinity Church, Southwark, 130. In St. John's, N. L. 21. In St. Paul's, 26. In the Church of the Ascension, 29. In Grace Church, 80, and again, 26, total, 106. In St. Andrews, 69. In Christ Church, 46. In the Church of the Epiphany, 30. In St. Stephen's, 33. In St. James', 25. In the congregation of All Saints, Moyamensing, 5 persons.

Since our last Convention, I have *consecrated* four Churches. On the 12th of July, I consecrated the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester; a very beautiful structure, of stone, the general features Gothic, with a tower and spire; much credit is due to the congregation, and to the exertions of the Rev. Brother who was the Rector of that parish several months before the laying of the corner-stone, and till the building was nearly completed. On the 2d of October, I consecrated St. John's Church, York; which house of worship was erected in 1766, but never before consecrated; some repairs being necessary, the same opportunity was embraced for remodelling the chancel, desk, and pulpit, and erecting a vestry-room, and making various decorations: these alterations, for which

we have to thank the Rector and some zealous ladies, have greatly improved the building; and there being now a vestry-room, the surplice has been introduced. On the 24th of November, I consecrated Calvary Church, Rockdale, another tasteful edifice, with Gothic features, substantially built of stone, handsomely finished, and beautifully furnished; and while I award commendation to the congregation for this good work, I am sure I fulfil only their desire, and will be seconded by all who know the peculiar instrumentality of our success in that parish, in mentioning particularly the liberality and persevering devotedness of Richard S. Smith, Esq., and the generous arrangements of the present Rector, the Rev. Alfred Lee. On the 20th of December, I consecrated St. Thomas' (African) Church, in this city, which had been remodelled throughout, and very greatly improved; when first spoken with concerning its consecration, I suggested that that office must have been already performed, as it was first occupied for worship in 1796 or 1797; but on referring to several old persons, they declared that such was not the fact, that the Rev. Dr. Magaw preached in it the first sermon, and that Bishop White was not present; by no one was a surmise to the contrary expressed; and our Convention journals, of that period, though they refer to the ordination of the first minister of the parish, the Rev. Absalom Jones, (a colored man,) and record what is now our eighth Revised Regulation, contain no hint of the performance of the dedicating rite; nor was the office of Consecration set forth till the year 1799; for all these reasons, I complied with the request of the Rector and Vestry to consecrate the renovated building; and it gives me pleasure to say, that I ascribe, under God, the unity, zeal, and energy of the flock which have effected this improvement, to the faithful and prudent labours of their worthy and acceptable pastor.

At Wellsborough, I was to have consecrated the new church, while there in October last; but, in spite of the greatest exertions, it was not quite ready; the pews, &c., wanted only painting, but the plastering was yet unfinished: the exterior is beautiful. St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, is ready for consecration.

On the 24th of May, the day after the adjournment of our last Convention, I laid the *corner-stone* of St. Luke's Church, in this city; which edifice is rapidly approaching its completion. On Easter Tuesday, the 21st of April, I laid the corner-

stone of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville. Other churches, not before reported, are *erecting* at Schuylkill Haven; at or near Centreville, Buckingham Township, Bucks county; at Beaver Falls; at Manalen, Fayette county, and at Towanda.

In the *Swedes Church*, Gloria Dei, I preached in February, and confirmed 15 persons; and again in April, I preached there, and confirmed 30 persons; total confirmed 45.

No duty affords me higher gratification, than recording the kindness, and ready and pressing hospitality, with which I am every where welcomed, in performing these widely diffused ministrations. May God be the recompense of the estimable friends who have done me these good offices!

Within this diocese, I have held, since our last meeting, the following *Ordinations:*

On Thursday, July 4th, in St. John's Church, N. L. Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Richard Newton, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 7th, in the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Erastus B. Foot, (of the diocese of Delaware,) and Mr. John J. McElhinny, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 14th, in Christ Church, Leacock, I admitted Mr. Edwin N. Lightner, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 28th, in St. Paul's Church, Montrose, I admitted the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, and the Rev. George P. Hopkins, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Friday, September 27th, in Emanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Asa S. Colton, the Rev. John Gorden Maxwell, and the Rev. James B. Noblit, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Friday, October 25th, in Trinity Church, Pottsville, I admitted the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, December 15th, in Grace Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Samuel W. Hallowell, and Mr. Henry Brown, to the holy order of Deacons. Mr. Brown was a candidate in the diocese of Maryland, and I ordained him at the request of the Standing Committee of that diocese.

On Ash Wednesday, March 4th, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, April 26th, in St. Andrew's Church, Yardley-

ville, I admitted Mr. Alexander Forbes Dobb to the holy order of Deacons.

I have given *Letters of Dismission* to the Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, to the diocese of Connecticut—to the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, to that of Massachusetts—to the Rev. James B. Noblit, to that of Maryland—to the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D. to that of Louisiana—to the Rev. Isaac Smith, to the jurisdiction of Bishop Kemper—to the Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, to the diocese of Maryland—to the Rev. P. T. Babbit, to the diocese of New Jersey—to the Rev. B. B. Killikelly to the diocese of Indiana—and I have transferred the Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, the Rev. John Reynolds, and the Rev. Corry Chambers, to the diocese of Delaware.

I have received and accepted Letters of Dismission to this diocese—on June 20th, in behalf of the Rev. George P. Hopkins, from the diocese of Maryland—on July 1st, in behalf of the Rev. Corry Chambers, from the diocese of Maryland—on July 2d, in behalf of the Rev. James B. Noblit, from Bishop Moore—on August 6th, in behalf of the Rev. John R. Goodman, from Bishop Brownell, acting for the diocese of Alabama —on August 27th, in behalf of the Rev. Horace L. Conolly, from Bishop Griswold—on September 16th, in behalf of the Rev. Asa S. Colton, from Bishop Doane—on November 1st, in behalf of the Rev. Enos Woodward, deacon, from Bishop McIlvaine—on December 14th, in behalf of the Rev. Lewis Jansen, from Bishop Griswold—on January 4th, in behalf of the Rev. Amos D. McCoy, from Bishop B. T. Onderdonk—on March 10th, in behalf of the Rev. Henry Brown, deacon, from Bishop Doane, acting for the diocese of Maryland—on April 15th, in behalf of the Rev. Robert G. Hays, deacon, from Bishop Polk, acting for Bishop Brownell in Alabama—on May 15th, in behalf of the Rev. Herman Dyer, from Bishop McIlvaine.

On the 14th of December, I allowed six months *leave of absence* to the Rev. Mr. Natt, whose health required him to spend the winter in a warmer latitude. And I have added six months to the eighteen months leave of absence before granted to the Rev. Mr. May. I have also given six months leave of absence to the Rev. Dr. Tyng, whose health has been greatly impaired.

We have in this diocese 23 *candidates* for Holy Orders; the list of whom I now hand to your Secretary. Mr. Edward Bournes I have transferred to the diocese of Western New

York; and Mr. Alexander Shiras, to the diocese of Virginia. On September 5th, I admitted to the candidateship Joshua Weaver and Edward C. Jones; on September 25th, John D. Bryant; on November 5th, Milton Clarkson Lightner; on December 3rd, Samuel Hawkesley; on January 7th, William M. Burton, late a Methodist minister; on April 7th, Joseph M. Lybrand; and on April 23rd, George Watson. Mr. Bryant has since withdrawn his name.

The Rev. Richard Newton is the Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester; the Rev. Enos Woodward, of Christ Church, Alleghany; the Rev. Henry Brown, of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown; the Rev. Lewis Jansen, of St. David's Church, Manayunk; and the Rev. John H. Marsden, of Christ Church, Huntington, including Christ Church Chapel, Petersburgh, Adams county, he having relinquished the Female Academy at Gettysburgh, on account of ill health. The Rev. Tobias H. Michell has left Mercer, and become the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford. The Rev. Oliver A. Shaw has charge of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Christ Church, Pottstown, and St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville (Morlattin.) The Rev. Willie Peck is the Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, besides St. David's Church, Radnor. The Rev. John J. McElhinney has charge of Trinity Church, Connelsville, and the congregation at Uniontown, in place of the Rev. Mr. Kerr, who has accepted a call to St. Mark's Church, Moyamensing. The Rev. Horace L. Conolly has charge of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, the Rev. Mr. Bryant having resigned. The Rev. Mr. Breintnall has resigned the rectorship of Zion Church, Spring Garden. The Rev. Dr. Crusé has resigned his office at the Abbeville Institute. The Rev. Mr. Kirke has resigned his charge at Yardleyville and Hulmeville, and is the head of an incorporated Seminary in Chester county. The Rev. Mr. Burnham has resigned his charge at Mauch Chunk, and taken that of Yardleyville. The Rev. Mr. Pendleton, having removed from the diocese of Delaware to that of Virginia, has ceased to perform missionary duty at New London ⋈ Roads and West Marlborough. The Rev. A. D. McCoy is Assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. The Rev. S. W. Hallowell is Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Robert G. Hays officiates at Towanda and neighbouring places. The Rev. William H. Odenheimer is the Rector of St. Peter's Church,

Philadelphia. The Rev. Heman Dyer is the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville. The Rev. Edwin N. Lightner is the Missionary at Muncy and Williamsport. The Rev. L. N. Freeman has transferred his missionary services, from St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, to Grace Church, Manalen. The Rev. Mr. Lambert, of the diocese of Massachusetts, officiates temporarily in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. J. R. Goodman is the Principal of an Incorporated Academy at Reading; the Rev. W. H. Rees is the Principal of an Incorporated Academy at Westchester. The Rev. Samuel Buel has accepted a call to St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, but is not yet transferred to this diocese.

To no topic of my annual communication to this Council of the Church, do I advert with greater satisfaction, than to the unwearied energy and continued usefulness of our Society for the Advancement of Christianity in this State. To this admirable institution is due, under God, the far greater portion of the increase of the Church in Pennsylvania, beyond what was left it after the war of the Revolution; and it continues to labour, unfatigued, and with as great success as can be expected among a population generally ignorant of our principles and mode of worship, and too frequently either prejudiced against them, or not disposed to enquire into their merits. For such a population, quiet and persevering effort is, though a slow, the only method from which a good result may be hoped for; and our Society fulfils completely this difficult function, continually endeavouring to build up our few and scattered materials, with such others, and these also but too few, as the course of things may bring within our influence, yet without an intrusive and proselyting interference. I call this Society "ours;" for it is so, both in spirit, in common feeling and common interest, and also in form, as it was adopted by the Convention of our Diocese at the first meeting after it was established, in the year 1812, and the adoption was recognised anew, when our whole legislation was revised in the year 1829. For this cherished instrument of the prosperity of our Zion, I ask your constant and increasing bounty; which you may be sure from past experience, will be faithfully applied. Speak often of its claims among the congregations to which you respectively belong; and urge them, as they love their Church, as they love this Commonwealth, to be generous to our Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. Its anniversary was celebrated on the evening of the Epiphany in St. James'

Church in this city, the Rev. Mr. Clemson being the preacher. And the Report announced the very creditable fact, that an average of more than 20 missionaries had been constantly employed through the preceding year, 29 including the various changes, and 10 young men aided in their preparation for the ministry—all, at the very moderate outlay of about $3700—"the preaching of the word, and the ministrations of the blessed Gospel," being "to nearly 60 congregations," organised or unorganised.

At present, there are in the employ of the Society 24 missionaries. Their names and stations are as follows:

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, deacon, at Red Bank and parts adjacent, Armstrong county.

The Rev. William Adderly, at Beaver Falls, and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Charles Breck, deacon, at Wellsborough, and parts adjacent, Tioga county,

The Rev. Henry Brown, deacon, at Lewistown, Mifflin county, and Thompsontown, Juniata county.

The Rev. Richard F. Burnham, at Yardleyville, and parts adjacent, Bucks county.

The Rev. Asa S. Colton, in the parts of Bucks county not organised into congregations.

The Rev. George C. Drake, who is rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, at Sugar-loaf and Jerseytown, Columbia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, at Honesdale and parts adjacent, Wayne county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, who is Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, at Manalen, Fayette county.

The Rev. Robert G. Hays, deacon, at Towanda and parts adjacent, Bradford county.

The Rev. William Hilton, at St. Paul's, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins, at Montrose, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, at Georgetown, Beaver county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, (Wayalusing Creek,) Bradford county.

The Rev. Edward N. Lightner, deacon, at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, at Danville, Columbia co. and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. John J. McElhinny, deacon, at Uniontown, and Connelsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. John L. McKim, at Carbondale and parts adjacent, Luzerne county.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, at Petersburgh, (York Springs) and parts adjacant, Adams county.

The Rev. Tobias H. Michell, at Waterford, Erie county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. George W. Natt, at Belle-fonte, and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. William White, at Butler, Butler county, and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Enos Woodward, deacon, at Allegheny-town, Allegheny county.

In the department of Education for the Ministry, this Society perseveres in its very laudable efforts. There are now under the care of the Education Committee, six beneficiaries of whom five are in the General Theological Seminary of our Church, and one is in the University of Pennsylvania. During the past year, three of its beneficiaries have been ordained. This is an important branch of the functions of our Society; and it is most faithfully and usefully discharged. And it adds to the claim the Society has to the patronage of all the members of this diocese.

To the same generosity I commend also the Female Episcopal Tract Society, which is auxiliary to our principal institution. Its publications do good service to the cause of Christianity and the Church.

Our two Prayer Book Societies are now well known, both within the diocese and beyond it; and they both deserve a much larger bounty than they have ever yet received. The Bishop White Prayer Book Society, rather than deny any request for books, has incurred a debt, which fully entitles it to a double amount of contribution. The Prayer Book of the Ladies' Society, which is the standard, is, beyond comparison, the most accurate of all the editions of our invaluable liturgy.

The diocesan Sunday School Society is useful in its sphere of action. But, as the general arrangements belong to the General Union of our Church, and the practical business and details to each particular school, that sphere of action cannot be large.

The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen deserves more of the attention of my Rev. brethren, and of the vestries of our parishes, than has hitherto been given it.

It was not convenient for me to attend the meeting of the Board of Missions last June; but it appears from the report that it is prosecuting its important duties. At the meeting of the Trustees of our General Theological Seminary, and at its commencement, I was present, and gladly add my testimony to its continued usefulness to the Church. Its income is still far below its expenditure; a fact which ought to be argument enough with Churchmen to extend to it a much larger generosity.

And now, brethren, my statement being complete, I detain you no longer from the further business for which you are assembled. In all that shall be said, and in all that shall be done, may God grant us all right understanding and a right heart, the gracious illumination of his Holy Spirit; that our proceedings may be to his glory, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour!

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 20, 1840.

The Secretary then read the following official list of the candidates for orders in this Diocese.

List of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 20, 1840.

John Hall—since November 5, 1836.
William White Bronson—since May 9, 1837.
Gregory Thurston Bedell—since May 9, 1837.
George Burcker—since September 5, 1837.
John P. Hosmer—since September 5, 1837.
Samuel Rose Meade—since January 2, 1838.
William P. Saunders—since February 6, 1838.
William Sydney Walker—since March 6, 1838.
John A. Childs—since April 12, 1838.
Robert Bethell Claxton—since May 15, 1838.
Robert McGregor Micheson—since September 4, 1838.

James Lloyd Breck—since September 4, 1838.
William W. Withers—since November 6, 1838.
Benjamin Franklin Watson—since November 6, 1838.
John Hulme Harrison—since January 23, 1839.
Samuel Hazlehurst, Jr.—since March 5, 1839.
Joshua Weaver—since September 5, 1839.
Edward C. Jones—since September 5, 1839.
Milton Clarkson Lightner—since November 5, 1839.
Samuel Hawkesley—since December 3, 1839.
William M. Burton—since January 7, 1840.
Joseph M. Lybrand—since April 7, 1840.
George Watson—since April 23, 1840.
Total, 23.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Morgan, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Rodney for his excellent and appropriate sermon preached this morning.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Bull, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet for his prompt and faithful services as Secretary thereof.

A Committee of two on the unfinished business of the Convention was then appointed, viz. The Rev. Messrs. Rodney and Rogers.

A Committee of six on charters was also appointed, viz:—

The Rev. Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. James S. Smith,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. P. H. Nicklin,
Wm. White,	Mr. Herman Cope.

The minutes of the Standing Committee of the Diocese were laid on the table by its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Dorr.

It was then resolved that the election of officers be made the order of the day for this day at 6 o'clock, P. M. The annual accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Trustees of the same, were laid on the table. The said Treasurer presented also a special account referring to the payment by the State of Pennsylvania of the interest on State Stock held by the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, in a depreciated currency.

An account of the present and late Treasurer of the Convention Fund was laid on the table.

The foregoing accounts were respectively ordered to be printed with the Journal.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was

Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund; provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Rev. Mr. Davis then offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. Peter Van Pelt is a member of this Convention, according to the provision in the Constitution relative to clergymen of infirm health—which, on his motion, was referred to a Committee of five, viz:—Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Dr. Dorr, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. P. H. Nicklin, Mr. George Breck.

Rev. Mr. Davis also moved the following resolution, which was seconded:

Resolved, That the members of this Convention sympathise with the Rev. Herman Hooker in his want of health, and the other circumstances which made it expedient for him to engage in the trade of book-selling, and as a token of their regard for him, and of their good wishes for his prosperity in business, appoint him publisher to this body and the diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley moved to lay it on the table—lost. The question then recurring on the resolution, it was withdrawn by the mover.

The names of the Clergy were then called, in order to ascertain by whom collections had been made during the last year, for the Convention Fund, when it appeared that collections had been made by the

Rev. Mr. Beasley,	Rev. Mr. Ducachet,
Bowman,	Freeman,
Boyd,	Harrison,
Buchanan,	Hilton,
Bull,	Lee,
J. A. Clark,	Louderback,
W. J. Clark,	Marsden,
Clemson,	Maxwell,
Coleman,	Morgan,
Dorr,	Morton,
Douglass,	Rogers,
Drake,	Suddards,

Peck,	Talbot,
Mintzer,	Waylen,
Natt,	White.
Sheets,	

Also, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

The following clergymen did not answer to their names.

Rev. Mr. Joseph Adderly,	Lord,
Wm. Adderly,	McKim,
C. W. Andrews,	May,
Breck,	Michel,
Crumpton,	Miller,
Franklin,	Perkins,
Greenleaf,	Ridgley,
Hall,	Rodney,
Kelly,	Stem,
Laird,	Tyng,
Lane,	Upfold,

The Convention then adjourned.

St. Andrew's Church,
Wednesday, May 20, 1840, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met—and the roll being called, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Messrs. R. C. Hale and Wm. Little, lay-deputies, presented their certificates and took their seats.

Mr. Binney submitted the following, which he moved to lay upon the table for the present, viz:

Resolved, That section 1st of the 2d Revised Regulations be so amended as to strike out the following words—"after viva voce nominations of the candidates. In case but one is put in nomination, the balloting shall be dispensed with"—and insert as follows:

If on the first ballot no candidate shall have a majority of all the votes, the next ballot shall be taken for the three candidates who had the highest number of votes; and if on the second ballot no candidate shall have a majority of all the votes, the two candidates who had the highest number of votes shall then alone be balloted for. The resolution was laid on the table.

The Committee appointed in the morning to report upon the unfinished business of the last Convention, presented the following Report.

The Committee on unfinished business have examined the Journals of the last Convention, and report the following subjects to be acted upon at the present Convention, 1st, (page 27 of the Journal,) the Committee on the reception of the Swedish churches was continued, with the expectation that they would, at this time, report. 2d, (same page,) the resolution of Rev. Mr. May, on additional religious services at meetings of the Convention, was referred to this Convention for further consideration; and 3dly, the resolution of Mr. Newbold for adopting a plan of relief for infirm clergymen, was laid over to be taken up at this time. (Page 30.)

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RODNEY,
J. M. ROGERS.

The Committee of the last Convention on the subject of the reception of certain Swedes' Churches into union with the Convention reported as follows, through their Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Dorr.

The Committee to whom was "referred so much of the Bishop's Address" to the Convention of 1838, as relates to the admission of certain Swedes' Churches into union with this Convention, beg leave to report progress, and ask leave to be continued, to report at the next annual Convention.

On motion, the Committee was continued.

The Rev. Dr. Dorr, from the Committee to whom was referred at the last Convention, the resolution of Mr. Wm. H. Newbold having reference to the relief of infirm clergymen, presented the following report.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention "to inquire into the practicability of devising means for the relief of clergymen of this diocese, prevented by physical inability from the discharge of their ministerial functions, and if deemed practicable, to report a plan to this Convention," respectfully report, that they are endeavouring to collect all necessary information, but not having yet been able to agree upon a plan, they ask leave to be continued, to report at the next annual Convention.

The Committee was, on motion, continued.

The Rev. Mr. Boyd called up the following resolution laid on the table at the last Convention—see Journal, page 29, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of five clergymen, with the same number of laymen, be appointed to inquire whether the Rubrics attached to the catechism of the Church, so far as they respect the catechetical instruction therein contemplated, are complied with; or how far they are so complied with—and whether some means may not be recommended by this Convention, which, under God's blessing, may tend to the more general "training up" of the children of the Church in the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church.

He then moved the appointment of the Committee contemplated in said resolution, which was carried—and the following Committee appointed by the chair, viz:

Rev. Dr. Boyd,	Mr. F. G. Smith,
Rev. Mr. Bowman,	Mr. L. R. Ashhurst,
Rev. Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. J. S. Newbold,
Rev, Dr. Dorr,	Mr. R. C. Hale,
Rev. Mr. Natt,	Mr. George Breck.

It was then on motion of Mr. Thos. K. Bull, resolved, that the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. May in the Convention of 1838—see Journal of last year, p. 27—be continued till the next Convention, in consequence of Mr. May's absence.

The chair announced the arrival of 6 o'clock; and that in pursuance of the resolution adopted in the morning, the Convention would proceed to the election of its officers. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Talbot and the Rev. Mr. Rogers were appointed Tellers on the part of the clergy; and Messrs. George Breck and Col. Robinson on the part of the laity. The balloting being closed, the Tellers announced that the following persons had received a majority of the votes of both orders; and they were accordingly declared by the President to be elected, viz:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. George Boyd, D. D.	James S. Smith,
Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.	Tobias Wagner,
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D.	Philip H. Nicklin,
Rev. Henry J. Morton,	Geo. M. Wharton,
Rev. John B. Clemson,	Thomas Robins,

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. George Upfold, D. D.	Horace Binney,
Rev. Levi Bull,	Edw. J. Stiles,
Rev. Samuel Bowman,	James S. Smith,
Rev. Benj. Dorr, D. D.	Philip H. Nicklin.

Committee on the supply of vacant Congregations.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Jno. Rodney,	Samuel Hazlehurst,
Rev. Geo. Sheets.	Wm. D. Brinckle, M. D.
Rev. Wm. Suddards,	Lewis R. Ashhurst.

Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

Thomas Robins.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

George M. Wharton.

The certificate of the appointment of lay deputies from St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-barré was read; whereupon Wm. B. Norton, one of the deputies being called, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The Secretary read in part the Parochial Reports; when the Convention, on motion, adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
Thursday, May 21, 1840, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled at the call of the Bishop—morning prayers were read by the Rev. Wm. White.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Benj. Chew, a lay deputy, appeared and took his seat.

[illegible] motion, Resolved, that the Secretary be authorised to [illegible] 500 copies of the Journal printed.

[illegible]v. Mr. Douglass offered the following resolution.

[illegible] order that the spiritual interests of this Convention may [illegible]nproved, and that the meeting of such a large body of our [illegible]gy may be a benefit to our city,

Resolved, That during the sitting of this Convention, there [illegible] frequent preaching and celebration of divine service.

And *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to carry this [illegible]ject into effect.

Which the Chair pronounced to be out of order, as being substantially the same with that of the Rev. Mr. May, laid over to the next Convention.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee, laid on the table the charter of Trinity church, Freeport, Armstrong county, which was referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Committee in the case of the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt, presented the following report.

The Committee in the case of the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt, report, that he is not entitled to a seat in this body.

B. Dorr,
James S. Smith,
Philip H. Nicklin,
Geo. Breck.

Whereupon it was resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt, is not entitled to a seat in the Convention.

Mr. Robins offered the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved, That not exceeding 75 per cent. of the aggregate receipts from the churches whose rectors shall be entitled to mileage, be appropriated towards its payment, and that the Treasurer be authorised to make such payments, provided they do not exceed the actual expenses of the clergy in attending Convention, and provided that an account of the same be rendered to him, on or before the evening of the adjournment of this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Davis offered the following resolution which was seconded, viz:

Resolved, That any Clergyman of this Church, having a parish or missionary charge, who shall find it expedient on account of bodily health to diminish or omit his public labours for a time, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop of it, who shall lay the matter before the Standing Committee, and also report the fact to the Convention next ensuing.

On motion, this resolution was laid on the table.

The certificate of the appointment of Theodore F. Sitgreaves and Horace E. Wolf, lay deputies from Trinity church, Easton, was read.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report.

The Committee on Charters report, that the charter of incorporation of Trinity church, Freeport, Armstrong county,

having been found to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, they recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong county, be, and hereby is, admitted as a member of this Convention.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Clemson offered the following resolution, which was seconded:

Resolved, That the rectors or lay deputies of such churches, as have not made collections in behalf of the Convention Fund, be required to give a reason for having failed to do so.

Resolved, That the churches of the diocese, be requested at some period within the four months next succeeding the meeting of this Convention, to make a special collection or contribution in aid of said fund.

The questions on the resolutions were put severally. The first resolution was adopted.

Mr. Binney offered the following amendment to the 2d resolution, which was accepted by the mover.

Provided, That if any of the said churches have already assigned, or shall assign, a day for a like special collection, to happen at any time before the meeting of the next Convention, the day so assigned shall be considered as the period for this collection, in regard to such churches, though more than four months from this date.

The resolution thus amended was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Kelly offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to address a Circular to the several Parochial Clergy, on behalf of the Convention fund.

Mr. Binney called up his amendment to 1st Section of 2d Revised Regulations; and asked leave to substitute the following in the place of that offered yesterday; leave being granted, it was offered as follows:

If on the first ballot, no candidate shall have a majority of votes of both the orders, the next ballot shall be for the candidates of each order having the highest votes, not exceeding two on each side, and if no election shall take place, the next ballot shall be for that candidate of each order who on the preceding ballot shall have had the highest vote. Provided, that if the last ballot shall not be successful, the Convention

may take such order in the premises as they shall deem expedient, the same not being contrary to the Constitution.

A division of the question being called for by the mover, the question was first taken on striking out the words referred to from 1st Section of 2d Revised Regulations.

The motion to strike out was carried. The question then came up on the adoption of the amendment, viz. the addition to the said Section 1, 2d Revised Regulations—when it was lost.

Mr. Nicklin moved that the next annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1841, at six o'clock, P. M., which was seconded.

The Rev. Mr. Kelly offered the following amendment, to strike out "St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia," and insert "St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh."

Mr. Nicklin moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh," and inserting "Trinity Church, Pittsburgh."

This amendment was lost.

The question on the first amendment was put. The ayes and noes were called by five members, and having been taken by orders, were as follows.

AYES.		NOES.	
Clergy,	21	Clergy,	12
Laity,	14	Laity,	6
Total,	35		18

The Chair pronounced that the amendment was carried.

A motion was then made to adjourn, and lost.

The question then came up on the Resolution as amended.

The Rev. Mr. Morton moved to amend by striking out "St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh," and inserting "St. James' Church, Philadelphia," which was seconded.

Mr. Nicklin moved to amend further by inserting "Christ Church, Reading," which was seconded.

The Rev. Mr. Talbot moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which was lost.

The question then recurred on Mr. Nicklin's amendment, and it was lost.

The question was then put on the Rev. Mr. Morton's amendment, and it was lost.

The resolution as amended was then carried.
A motion was made to adjourn *sine die* and lost.
The Convention then adjourned.

St. Andrew's Church,
May 21, 1840, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The charter of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, passed by the Standing Committee, was laid on the table. Also, the charter of Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks county, (approved by the Standing Committee.) They were both referred to the Committee on Charters.

Mr. W. H. Newbold offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the following addition be made to the 3d Section of the 1st Revised Regulation of 1829, to take effect at the next annual Convention, viz:

The Parochial reports of the Clergy of the Diocese shall, after having been presented to the Bishop, be returned to them, in order that they may be submitted to the Convention, and such parts thereof, as the Bishop may direct, read before it, by the Clergymen respectively, or in their absence by the Secretary—which was carried.

The reading of the Parochial Reports of the clergy was continued and completed.

The Committee on charters reported as follows:

The Committee on Charters report, that on examination they find the charters of Incorporation of Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks county, and St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, to be in accordance with the Constitution and Canons; and recommend that said Churches be admitted as members of this Convention.

Edward Y. Buchanan.

On motion, the said two Churches were received into union with this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Boyd moved, as follows.

"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what action can be had on the part of this Convention, to procure the institution and support of a weekly or monthly religious periodical, which shall be un-

der the control and direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, and to report to the next Convention;" which was carried; and a Committee of five appointed; consisting of Rev. Dr. Boyd, Rev. Dr. Dorr, Rev. Mr. Coleman, J. S. Newbold, T. Robins.

The members of the Convention joined in the singing of the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection; when after the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

GEORGE M. WHARTON, Secretary.

The Parochial Reports, which were read at different times during the sitting of the Convention, are here inserted in obedience to Canon XII, Section IV.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1840.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Adderly, Missionary, at St. Ann's Church, Red Bank, and St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, Armstrong County.

St. Ann's Church.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 5; total, 8; congregation, families, 16; communicants, added, 4; total, 33; marriages, 1; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 3; total, 43; children catechized, in Sunday school; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 49; collections, Episcopal Fund, $2; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2.

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper has been administered to this congregation twice during the last year, once by the Rev. Mr. Killikelly, and once by the Rev. Mr. White of Butler. The contemplated building of which I spoke in my report last year, has not been erected in consequence of the pressure of the times.

St. Michael's Church.

Baptisms, infants, 1; communicants, present number, 49; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 10; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 5; male pupils, 20; female teachers, 1; female

pupils, 15; total, school, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 35; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $1.

I took charge of this congregation in November last in connection with St. Ann's Church, devoting one third of my time to its spiritual welfare: my report of this Church is at present imperfect, in consequence of my inability to procure its register.

In addition to the above services, I have preached at the following places, in Butler twice, Freeport twice, Pittsburgh once, Alleghenytown six times, St. Paul's, Beaver county, three times, Fallston once, Kittanning six times.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Adderly, Missionary, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Beaver Falls, and St. Paul's Church, Beaver County.

St. Peter's Church, Beaver Falls.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5; congregation, families, about 20; public services, on Sundays, 40; collection, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $2 75.

The erection of a house of worship, anticipated in my last report, was commenced late last autumn, and resumed this spring, and it is hoped by the first of August, the basement story will be ready for our use. By request of the vestry, an effort was made by the Rector last spring to obtain pecuniary assistance, to enable the congregation to accomplish this object, when about $500 was collected. The Rector would take this method of expressing his thankfulness to the vestries of Christ Church, and St. James' Church, Philadelphia, for $50 each to the above object, as also to many individuals (whose names he is not at liberty to mention,) to whose liberality he feels himself indebted. Assistance is yet wanted; would some other Churches also make a similar donation to that of Christ and St. James' Churches, it would help this congregation out of many difficulties, and would be gratefully remembered.

St. Peter's Church, Beaver County.

Baptisms, infants, 11; congregation, families, 27; communicants, added, 9; present number, 64; public services, on Sundays, 48; other days, 8; total, 56; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, male and female, 6; pupils, 45: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2,50; Prayer Book Society, $2,50: other purposes, $36.

This congregation still continues to grow in numbers, and what is still more desirable, I trust in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

Report of the Rev. Charles Henry Alden, Principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies.

I have been enabled without interruption, to perform the severe though very pleasant duties of my station; and with gratifying success, in relation both to the mental and religious improvement of the students. I record with gratitude that a considerable number have become hopefully pious, have ratified their baptismal vows, and have been admitted to full communion with the Church.

I have officiated occasionally for our city parochial Clergy, at the Orphan's Asylum and at the House of Refuge; also several times in the Diocese of New York.

Report of the Rev. Thos. G. Allen, City Missionary.

As by the Canon of the General Convention of 1835, every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall report to the Ecclesiastical authority of his diocese, the occasional services he may have performed, I therefore present the following view of my movements.

I continue acting in the capacity of a City Missionary, under the Philadelphia Mission.

For the year, up to this date, I have officiated in the service of the Church on a few occasions, when I have not lectured or preached. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 12 occasions. I have baptized 68 persons. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 206 occasions. I have married 33 couples. I have officiated on 86 funeral occasions.

During the year, up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 1505, 1468 of them to the sick and afflicted. There has been distributed 23 bibles, 47 prayer books, and 81,978 pages of tracts; in which is included 45,000 pages of the tract, Morning and Evening Prayer for Children and Youth, &c.

My monthly appointment at the Widow's Asylum, and at the Wills' Hospital; also my weekly appointment at the Magdalen Asylum, and at my own house, are continued. I have no other *regular* appointments, but I officiate during the week, and on the Lord's Day, as the Lord in his providence directs.

In my general movements, I still endeavour to act as a friend

to all who may resort to me, or to whom I may be directed in circumstances of need, whether of body, mind or soul.

The Lord has continued his blessing on my imperfect efforts, and to him be all the praise forever. Amen.

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Report of the Rev. Charles W. Andrews, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

Communicants, added, 36; died or removed, 7; suspended, 2; present number, 101; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 11; marriages, 4; burials, 11; Sunday school, teachers, 15; scholars, 80; collections, Domestic missions, $50; foreign, $50; other purposes, $25 61.

The congregation have erected during the past year, a large and expensive church, which must be their apology for not contributing more largely to the institutions of the Church.

Public worship has been held twice on every Sabbath when the congregation had a place of worship, for want of which there was only a night service during a part of the year.—There has been a weekly lecture, and during Lent, public worship on Wednesday and Friday night. I have continued to officiate at Lawrenceville at the request of the Vestry of St. John's Church, once in four weeks in the afternoon of Sunday, when not prevented by ill health.

In November last, at the solicitation of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, I accepted the temporary charge of that Church, and officiated there once in two weeks in the afternoon of Sunday, until the 11th of May, when the Rev. Heman Dyer was elected. During the winter I received some valuable aid from the Rev. Mr. McElhinny. Of those who have been added to the Church, one has commenced a course of study preparatory to the ministry.

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Report of the Rev. R. Frederick Burnham, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, Bucks County.

The Rev. R. Frederick Burnham reports, that he was the minister of St. Mark's congregation, Mauch Chunk, Northampton county, from the 27th January, 1839, until the 27th of February, 1840. At the latter date he resigned. Since then, but two or three Sundays have elapsed on which he has not officiated. Since the 5th of April he has officiated every Sunday, two Sundays excepted, at St. Andrew's Church,

Yardleyville, Bucks County. He is now the rector of that parish, and Missionary at Yardleyville. His parochial duties were assumed on the 3d inst.

Report of the Rev. Charles Breck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsborough, Tioga County.

Congregation, families, 50; adults, 161; children, 136; total, 297; baptisms, adults, 5; total, 5; confirmed, 9; communicants, added, 12; present number, 12; marriages, 5; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 93; other days, 18; total, 111; children catechized, 50; times 4; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 27; female, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 45; total, schools, 2; teachers, 7; pupils, 72; bible classes, 1; members, 7; collections, Episcopal Fund, $18.

I am thankful to be able to state that the Church is growing in the love and esteem of the people generally, and that this parish promises by God's blessing to be an important station to assist in extending the Church through the adjoining counties. The Bishop's visit was a source of gratification and pleasure to all. Our Church, which we commenced in the Spring, was completed by the end of November; it was opened for Divine service on the first Sunday in Advent. Much praise is due to the congregation, as they have not received assistance from abroad. I have preached occasionally at different places through the county; at Tioga, a village seventeen miles to the north east, I have preached on the evening of every third Sunday.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester County, St. Thomas' Church, Morgan Town, Berks County, and Bangor Church, Church Town, Lancaster County.

St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; children, 5; total, 6; communicants, 83; Sunday school of fifty children, taught by 10 teachers.

St. Thomas' Church, Morgan Town, Berks County.

Communicants about 40; Sunday school teachers, 10; pupils, 40.

Bangor Church, Church Town, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, 3; communicants, 45; 1 Sunday school; 60 pupils; 10 teachers.

Report of the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown. Mifflin County.

Congregation, families, 30; adults, 60; children, 55; total, 115; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5; communicants, added, 6; present number about 20; burials, 2; public services on Sundays, 60; other days, 20; total, 80; children catechised, 25; times, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 25; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 35; total, schools, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 60; bible classes, 2; members, 18.

The present incumbent having had charge of the parish but a short time, he is not able to state what amount has been collected during the past year for the various Societies of the Church; neither has he been able to give as correct a report as he could wish of the state of the congregation; it having been much broken up during the time it was without a rector. There seems, however, to be at this time a prospect of usefulness. Our Sunday school has much increased during the last two months. The congregation is yet small, but most of them are true friends of the Apostolic Church.

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Report of the Rev. William Bryant, late Missionary.

In consequence of some dissatisfaction with regard to the amount of visitation which I was necessarily restricted in from the want of support, I judged it most expedient to withdraw from my field of labour. Accordingly, on the 2nd of February, 1840, I preached my farewell sermon. Since that time I have preached in different places; and I have also assisted in some of our city churches on communion occasions.

Since my last report to last February, I baptised in All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, sixteen children; received two persons into communion; present communicants, fifty-three. I have solemnized one marriage, and performed about ninety public services on Sundays and other days. I catechized the children monthly; this exercise was always followed by a lecture on the catechism.

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Report of the Rev. P. Teller Babbit, late Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie.

The charge of this parish I have resigned. Communicants, added, 15; whole number, 59; baptisms, adults, 3; whole number, 22; marriages, 9; funerals, 7.

Regular services twice on each Sunday, excepting three. I have officiated five times in other churches, and five times

in distant parts of my parish. Regular service once on each day; Thanksgiving-day, Christmas-day, Christmas-eve; Ash-Wednesday; Good-Friday, Easter-eve, Ascension-day, and also twice each week during the season of Lent, when portions were read from the Homilies.

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

According to the provisions of Canon VII of 1835, and of Canon XIII, of this diocese, I herewith hand you a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and of persons confirmed in the parish since my last report; also of the number of communicants, with a statement of such other matters of fact as will throw light on the state of the parish.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 26; total, 34; confirmed, 21; communicants, present number, 205; marriages, 12; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days, one regular service, besides the great festivals and fasts. During Lent, there was public service every Wednesday and Friday, and in Passion week every day; on Wednesday and Friday twice in the day; children catechised regularly by the teachers in the Sunday schools, and from time to time by the Rector. Sunday schools, 3; teachers, 24; pupils as last year; collections for the Episcopal Fund, $10; Convention Fund, $7,60; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $70; Missionary and other purposes, $50.

According to a suggestion which you made in a letter addressed to your clergy during the past year, for the purpose of procuring greater uniformity in the mode of performing divine services in the Churches, recommending that morning and evening prayer, with all the other parts of public worship be performed in the Chancel and at the Altar, it gives me pleasure to inform you that I immediately laid the subject of your communication before the vestry of St. John's, and that they promptly complied with my request, and made such alteration as was practicable to enable me better to conform to your wishes. The whole of our services for public worship in the Church, are now performed at the altar, except the sermon, and the closing collect or collects and benediction.

Since the last annual report, an important change has taken place in the mode of providing the revenue which may be necessary, for the support of the rector, and for other purposes. The system of selling and renting pews has been dis-

pensed with, and a return attempted to the scriptural, primitive, and apostolic example of relying upon the voluntary offerings of the Lord's people, and of other devout persons, to be made from week to week, on the Lord's day, and "reverently presented" on the altar.

As long ago as November, 1835, I addressed a communication to the vestry, which began with the following paragraph, from which you will be able to see at a glance what has led to the aforesaid change. "The object of my preaching for some time past has been to produce upon your minds, the conviction, which has been very distinctly impressed upon my own, that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, which we profess, calls for, and demands, on the part of his disciples, a far greater separation from the world, and a far higher devotion to the service of God than has generally been thought necessary."

In order to the attainment of the object that I proposed, the communication above mentioned contained several suggestions, as to the manner in which the principle which I ad vocated, might be carried out.

To carry out the principle I suggested, "it seems important in order to the proper religious influence of the Church upon the surrounding population of the district in which we live, that some other method should be adopted to raise the revenue for the regular expenses of the Church. The present system of pew rents operates in many ways unfavorably upon the cause of religion. If it could be so that the doors of St. John's might be thrown open to the poor and the unconcerned, by thousands of whom we are immediately surrounded, then would "our light shine," and "the glory of the Lord would arise upon us."

The subject thus presented, was always kindly entertained by the vestry, to whom I communicated in the first instance, and through them to the Church. My communications were respectfully entertained, and in several instances ordered to be printed and distributed among the members of the Church.

In August last it was *resolved*, to dispense with the pew rents, from and after the twenty-fourth day of September then following, and to restore the primitive practice of *weekly offerings*. Since that time this *order* has been observed. I ·rry to say it has not yet answered my expectations and ayers; principally, I believe, if not entirely, from want h on the part of the Church; and want of wisdom on the

part of him who has been chiefly instrumental in bringing about the change.

A few weeks before Easter Sunday last, I felt myself compelled to give notice to the vestry, that my receipts from the weekly offerings, after the payment of the incidental expenses, were actually insufficient for the maintenance of my family, and that unless I was sustained in the effort which I was making, I would be under the necessity of resorting to some other means of support. Four weeks after, finding that there was very little change for the better, I gave public notice on the Lord's day, that I would resign the Rectorship of the Church on the Sunday after Easter, and state my reasons for so doing. In taking this step I felt that it would be a sore trial, but it seemed to me there was no alternative, and that I would be justified in your sight, and before the church.

Immediately upon giving this notice, meetings were called of the members of the church, both male and female; from which I received assurances, by committees, who waited upon me, that it was the general wish, and expressed with much affection and kindness, that I should not resign; from which I inferred that there would be a disposition on the part of the members of the church, to conform to the principle involved in the change made, as well as from a wish expressed by the said committees, to confer with me upon the best mode of bringing about a concerted and united action.

On the 24th of April, the Sunday after Easter, instead of resigning my charge, and thus rending the ties of many years, I gave notice that I would retain my position, indulging the hope that the church would yet occupy the high and commanding position of primitive and apostolic conformity.

As yet I look upon the effort as in the progress of experiment. Many hearts are interested in its success, and I have reason to think many prayers are continually ascending to the throne of grace.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saint's Church, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 12; total, 20; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 18; died or removed, 8; marriages, 4; public services, on Sundays, 105: other days, 60; total, 165; Sunday schools, 2; one at All Saint's and one at Emanuel chapel; collections, Episcopal Fund, $12; Society for the Advance-

ment of Christianity, $7 51; Missionary and other purposes, $274 83; total, $294 34.

In addition to the public services mentioned above, a student of the Theological Seminary at New York, read the evening service and a selected sermon, to a large congregation, at a school house in the upper part of our parish, on each Sunday evening, for from two to three months. Since his return to the institution, a vestryman of our church has regularly collected the people for the same purpose on every Sunday afternoon.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 16; total, 22; confirmed, 6; communicants, 70; marriages, 5; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 44; total, 148; children catechized, 60; times, 12; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; female, 1; teachers, 11; pupils, 78; total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 128; collections, Episcopal Fund, $22 72; Soc. for Adv. of Christianity in Pa., $30 74; Convention Fund $21 25; monthly offerings, $116 34; Female Auxiliary Missionary Society, $100; Juvenile Missionary Society, $20; total, $311 06.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé, Assistant Minister of St. James' Church, (Swedish) Kingsessing, Philadelphia County.

S. C. Brincklé reports to the Bishop that he is still labouring in connexion with the Swedish Churches, as Assistant Minister for St. James' Church, Kingsessing. Without entering into particulars, which in the position of this church, will not be expected, he would state that the prospects here are more encouraging than at any former period of his labours. In addition to other indications, a movement in the general vestry has been made for a separation of these churches—under circumstances to warrant a hope that it may prove successful.

Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester County, and Christ Church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

Congregation, families, 51; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 17; total, 18; confirmed, 9; communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 3; present number, 41; marriages, 2; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 29; other days, 9; total, 38; children

catechized, 25; times, 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 30; collections, Episcopal Fund, $6; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4 $0; missionary and other purposes, $58 19; total, $68 79.

Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.

Congregation, families, 46; baptisms, children, 6; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 35; marriages, 3; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 28; other days, 7; total, 35; children catechized, 25; times of catechizing, about 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 6, pupils, 30; collections, Episcopal Fund, $4; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $12; General Theological Seminary and other purposes, about $20; total, $36.

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Report of the Rev. Thos. Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.

Congregation, families, 46; adults, 108; children, 85; total, 193; baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, added, 6; died or removed, 6; present number, 62; marriages, 8; burials, 4; public services, on Sunday, 100; other days, 57; total, 157; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 6; male scholars, 36; female teachers, 10; female scholars, 43; total, teachers, 16; scholars, 79; collections, for the Convention Fund, $6.

Of the public services above, eleven were at a school-house in the country, where I officiate on the first Sunday afternoon of each month.

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Report of the Rev. Asa S. Colton.

Since the middle of last October, I have performed services at the rate of about three times in two weeks in the village of Newtown, Bucks co., and have performed five or six occasional services for my brethren in this diocese, and also officiated on two Sundays at Bordentown, N. J. I have also performed common parochial duties in Newtown, in connexion with the Rev. G. W. Ridgely. While I have officiated for him, he has performed services in places not organised into congregations in Bucks county.

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Report of the Rev. H. L. Conolly, Rector of All Saint's Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia County.

Since the first of July last, I have been officiating in Moya-

mensing, Philadelphia. The first of February of the present year, I received the charge of All Saint's Church. My labours during the year have been—public services, on Sundays, 101; on other days, 47. Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 54; total, 60; presented for confirmation, 21; marriages, 4; burials, 13. The number of families in All Saint's Church, about 60; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, male, 100; female, 90; total, 190; bible classes, 2; members, 19; children catechized monthly; collections, Episcopal Fund, $3; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $6; other purposes, about, $8.

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Report of the Rev. William James Clark, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-barré, Luzerne county.

Congregation, families, 45; adults, 107; children, 61; total, 168; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 10; total, 16; confirmed, 5; communicants, added, 15; died, 2; removed, 5; present number, 50; marriages, 6; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 90; other days, 50; total, 140; children catechized, 46; times, first Sunday in each month; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 25; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 61; total, schools, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 86; collections, Convention Fund, $13; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Penn., $10; Missionary and other purposes, $128 12; total, $151 12.

It is with thankfulness to the Giver of all good, that the Rector is enabled to record the present prosperous condition of this parish. Its temporal and spiritual prospects are highly encouraging. Increasing seriousness has hitherto marked the attendance upon the services of the Church, while the increase in the number of those who unite with us, has rendered indispensable more ample accommodations.

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Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, in the County of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 100; adults and children, total, about 400; baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 67; total, 75; confirmed, 45; communicants, added, 20; present number, 60; marriages, 43; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 35; total, 139; children catechised, 40; times, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 70; female, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 60; total, schools, 3; teachers, 19; pupils, 150; Collec-

tions, Society for Advancement of Christianity, $15; Missionary and other purposes, $30; total, $45.

Since the last report, about $1300 have been expended in repairs to the Church, which has been much improved by a new floor, new pews, new pulpit, &c. With this improvement in the Church, there has been a correspondent improvement in the congregation, which has much increased in numbers and in seriousness.

Report of the Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 300; baptisms, adults, 28; infants, 38; total, 66; confirmed, 73; communicants, added, 82; died or removed, 52; present number, 540; marriages, 12; burials, 20; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 50; total, 154; Sunday schools, male, 4; teachers, 23; pupils, 233; female, 6; teachers, 38; pupils, 398; total, schools, 10; teachers, 61; pupils, 631; bible classes, 4; members, 82; collections, Episcopal Fund, $15; Society Advancement of Christianity, $130; Missionary and other purposes, $6300; total, $6645.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

This Church has enjoyed the same measure of prosperity in the last year that has attended it from its commencement. It continues to grow and strengthen, and we trust many have been added to it of such as shall be saved. It occupies a field, which in a spiritual aspect, is large and inviting; and the rector, while he has found much, very much comfort in his people and his work, experiences great happiness in knowing that his labour has not been in vain in the Lord.

Collections have been made for different charitable and religious objects, but particularly for those specified by Conventional recommendation. The contributions have been necessarily small, owing to the infant state of the parish, and the constant requisitions that are made on it for the supply of its own wants. Its other statistics are as follows. Baptisms, infants, 49; adults, 7; whole number, 56; marriages, 29; burials, 9; confirmed, 29; communicants, added, 39; removed 20; present number, 183; number of families, 94; adults, 297; children, 151; the Sunday schools are flourishing, and contain teachers, 30; scholars, 271.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 215; adults, 676; children, 380; total, 1056; baptisms, adults, 49; infants, 80; total, 129; confirmed, 130; communicants, last reported, 232; died, 4; removed, 18; added, 121; present number, 331; marriages, 30; burials, in the parish, 28; strangers, 8; public services, on Sundays, 116; other days, 73; total, 189; children catechized, 350; times, 12; monthly in the Church; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 20; pupils, 220; female, 3; teachers, 31; pupils, 248; total, schools, 6; teachers, 51; pupils, 468; bible classes, 2; female members, 90; collections, Episcopal Fund, $50; Convention Fund, $20.76; Society for Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $50; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $50; Missionary and other purposes, $483.80; total, $654.56.

The past year has been eminently, to both pastor and people, a season of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord." He has been pleased, in his rich mercy, to "send down upon us the healthful spirit of his grace," and to "pour upon us the continual dew of his blessing." Indeed, we can never be sufficiently grateful for the high degree of spiritual prosperity with which this parish has been favored.

Nor is our condition in other respects less gratifying. The temporal affairs of the Church were never before in so flourishing a state, and the Vestry are engaged in several valuable and permanent improvements. I omitted to state in my last annual report, that a lot of ground adjoining the Church had been purchased, as an addition to our Cemetery, for about $3000. This has since been divided into thirty-five smaller lots, thirty-two of which have been already sold to members of the congregation; and the whole will defray the expense of the purchase, and also of a neat and substantial iron railing, with which the lot is now enclosed. Several vaults have been erected by the owners, and the ground otherwise improved and ornamented. Recently, another adjoining lot has been purchased, for the same purpose, at about the same cost; and the Church property is now bounded by two main streets, Catharine and Queen. A brick building of 22 by 57 feet, is about to be added to the southern end of the Church edifice, which will furnish us with a commodious Lecture room, and ample accommodations for our Sunday schools. The funds raised for this purpose, by the ladies of the parish, amount to

nearly $2000, and the interest in it evinced by the congregation, justifies the confident expectation that no difficulty will be experienced in obtaining the sum which may be necessary to complete the important undertaking.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 10; children, 63; total, 73; confirmed, 33; marriages, 17; burials, 15. Of the communicants the exact number is not known. An unusually large number have been received during the past year; and the total is estimated moderately at 250. Of public services, on Sundays, there have been 112; and on other days, being principally the festivals and fasts of the Church, 54; total, 166. The children, as usual, are frequently catechized in the Sunday school; and have been regularly catechized, and instructed by familiar expositions and lectures, every Sunday afternoon during Lent, and up to this time.

Contributions have been made, but not yet paid in, for the general Theological Seminary, the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, and the support of the Episcopate; for the Advancement Society, $269.63; for the Convention fund, $50; for the Parish Sunday school, $115.25; besides $125 subsequently subscribed by individuals. By collections and subscriptions, quite as liberal, it is believed, as customary, considerable sums of money have been raised for various purposes of charity and religion; but the amount cannot be accurately stated. What is ascertained to have been received, amounts to $1214.68.

I rejoice to say, that for years, I have not had the satisfaction of seeing so much seriousness among the people of my charge as I have witnessed lately. The weekly lectures in the Church, the services of Lent, and especially the solemn exercises of Passion week, were, I have reason to hope, blessed to a most encouraging extent to our spiritual improvement. I continue the practice of having divine service, and delivering an explanatory lecture on the Saints' days, and other holy days of the Church. I have always found these services to command interest, and secure a good attendance. And they have afforded me the very best opportunities of instructing my people in the principles and institutions of the Church. I see the wisdom, and realize the benefit, of these well ordered seasons, more and more every year. With many discourage-

ments arising from prevailing thoughtlessness, worldliness, and irreligion, I can truly say that I have never seen more to incite me to give myself zealously and actively to the work of the ministry, for the perfecting of the saints and the edifying of the body of Christ.

This is my *sixth* annual report to this Convention. In the five years of my incumbency in this parish, there have been baptized 360, of whom 38 have been adults; 127 have been confirmed; about 150, (an average of 30 per annum,) have been admitted to the communion; there have been 76 marriages, and 116 funerals. There have been 667 public services on Sundays, and 196 on other days, making a total of 863 occasions of public worship. I have preached 643 times, 80 times out of my own parish.

There have been raised in the parish for various charitable and religious purposes, $8,204 80; (an average of more than $1600 per annum,) besides the private donations and subscriptions, which cannot be known with correctness; and $12,514 32 have been cleared of the debt of the corporation.

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Report of the Rev. A. F. Dobb, Deacon.

Since my ordination on Sunday, April 26th, I have performed divine service, and preached ten times; five times at Bristol, during the absence of the Rector, Rev. W. S. Perkins, in consequence of family affliction: three times at Hulmeville; once at Newtown, and once in the chapel of St. James' Hall.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation. families, 92; adults, about 400; children, 180; total, 580; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 11; total, 13; confirmed, 17; communicants, added, 8; died or removed, 6; present number, 109; marriages, 8; burials, 20; public services, on Sundays, 108: other days, 20; total, 128; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 108; female, 1; teachers, 11; pupils, 110; [illegible]l, schools, 2; teachers, 20; pupils, 208; collections, Society [illegible]. of Christianity, $12; total, $12.

[illegible]ar church, which during last summer and fall was being [illegible]wed, has since been completed and given general satisfac- [illegible] The cost has been about five thousand dollars, and con- [illegible]ring the embarrassed state of the currency, we have been [illegible]ally blessed in raising the means to meet our engagements.

The sum yet remaining unpaid, does not exceed eleven hundred dollars, and it is calculated, that the resources of the church, will enable the vestry to meet this claim, when it shall have become due. To these indications of the temporal prosperity, we rejoice to add, that the spiritual condition and prospects of the Parish, are such as to afford abundant cause of thankfulness to the Father of mercies, without whose special blessing, a Paul may plant, and an Apollos water in vain.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 31; total, 35: marriages, 2; funerals, 5, confirmed, 10; communicants, removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 18; Sunday school children, 80; teachers, male, 3; female, 3; collections, Convention Fund, $2 50; Society Adv. of Christianity, $2 50; total, $5.

The Rector has great pleasure in speaking of what the Lord has effected in his church. The interest taken in religion in our city last winter, was felt in Francisville. The church was exceedingly well attended, and deep seriousness seemed to pervade all classes. Among those who experienced a work of grace, was an old woman, of the age of 96, who was publicly baptized. Not unto us, but unto thy name, O Lord, be the praise. The temporal interests of the church are slowly improving, and the vestry are making efforts to pay the debts of the church, and to raise a salary for the Rector. He still has cause to state that the church is too small, and that the interests of our Zion would be improved, could the church be enlarged.

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Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

In consequence of the improved state of my health, I am enabled to report, that during the preceding year, I have preached generally once, and sometimes twice on Sundays. My services have been given in attending to the calls of many partially supplied congregations in the country; in assisting my brethren, preaching in the prisons, and visiting the sick.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, and Missionary to Christ Church, Jersey Town, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia County.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh.

Congregation, families, 49; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 6; total, 7; confirmed, 12; communicants, added, 15; removed, 2; present number, 79; marriages, 3; at Muncy, 1; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 59; other days, 47; total, 106; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 9; female, 14; male pupils, 41; female, 47; total, teachers, 23; pupils, 88: bible classes, 1; attendance irregular; collections, Society for the advancement of Christianity, $3 48; Convention Fund, $4 35; Sunday school contribution to missions, (50 cts. whereof by a visitor,) $1 01½; total, $8 84½.

The communion has been administered during the past year four times in this congregation. The church was opened for divine service on the feast of the Nativity; and on the day appointed by the ecclesiastical authority, for Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the fruits of the earth, and all other blessings of his merciful Providence. Lectures on confirmation were delivered, in anticipation of the Bishop's visit to the congregation, with evident profit. The surplice has been introduced in this church, but not without some dissatisfaction. The non-contents comprise a small minority; and it is to be hoped, that time and "a return to a better mind," will remove their objections to so decent and comely a habit.

Christ Church, Jersey Town.

Congregation, families, 16; baptisms, infants, 2; communicants, present number, 26; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 5; week-days, 6; contributed by ladies of this congregation for Missionary purposes, $8 55.

The communion was administered in this church upon the Bishop's visit in October last. The reasons for the small amount of labour in this parish during the past year, can scarcely be stated within the limits assigned to these remarks; they are, however, well known to the Bishop; and also to the society under whose patronage the missionary was sent there. Suffice it to say what was withdrawn from them, was bestowed upon the other departments of my missionary field. Hereafter, the missionary sum, it is expected, will reach to its usual amount.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.

Baptisms, infants, 7; confirmed, 6; communicants, added, 4; embraced heresy and left the church, 3; present number, 20; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 11; other days, 13; total, 24; children catechized in the church, 20; times, 1; at parents' houses frequently; collections, Episcopal Fund, $1; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $4; Convention Fund, $1; total, $6.

The wolf entered our fold, and caught away three of the flock; but the effect has been to make the rest to run the closer together. The Lord's supper has been administered in the church three times during the past year. The Church was opened for divine service on Good Friday. A very promising beginning has been made by this congregation, to raise by subscription, an amount sufficient to plaster and board, "their log church in the woods."

Orangeville.

The regular worship celebrated here, is on the same Sunday with that at Sugar Loaf. Though these places are 14 miles apart, the distance is overcome without much difficulty. It may be well imagined, that the missionary would wish to rest his weary head, after such a service, particularly when the baptismal and communion service, as sometimes occur, are to be performed at the same time; and he has no brother "at leisure," or within call to help him.

The services at Orangeville are as follows:—on Sunday, 13; week-day, 1; burials, 2; marriage 1.

Out of my own parishes, I have preached 10 times, administed the holy communion twice, baptised one child, and assisted at other services, on three other occasions.

Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the last Convention I have baptised two infants, and buried one; and have officiated publicly some twelve or more times, by preaching and performing divine service jointly or separately.

I had an application in the fall, to take charge of a congregation for the winter, that would be content with one service a week, and in which there was said to be signs of religious improvement; but since I could render occasional and irregular services only, without committing an outrage upon my health,

the injury to myself was certain, and the prospect of rendering any considerable benefit to the parish under the circumstances, doubtful. It was therefore declined.

At present, I am about re-publishing Chillingsworth's "Religion of Protestants," and trust that the employment as well as the enterprize, will meet the approbation of the Convention.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, as nearly as can be ascertained, 220 families; baptisms, adults, 17; infants, 56; total, 73; confirmed, 46; communicants, added, 91: died or removed, 23; present number, 318; marriages, 16; burials, 34; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 154; total, 258; children catechized, 300; on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, "openly in the church," in the presence of the whole congregation; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 45: female, 2; teachers, 40; pupils, 200; bible classes, 3; members, 35; teachers, 3; total, schools, 3; teachers, 53; pupils, 280; collections, Episcopal Fund, $50; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $280; Missionary and other religious and charitable purposes, $2501 06; total of contributions, $2831 06.

The above contributions have been appropriated as follows:

To the Diocesan and Episcopal Funds, $100; to the Ladies' Prayer Book Society, $75; to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $159 52; to the General Theological Seminary, $200; to Sunday schools, $395 04; to Missions, $593 28; to aiding poor churches, $779 66; distributed to the poor, $528 56; total, $2831 06.

The plan of quarterly collections for church objects, continues successful; the amount contributed through this medium, the past year, (notwithstanding the pecuniary distress in our city and country,) is somewhat larger than the preceding year. The general condition of the parish is prosperous—the number confirmed and admitted to the communion has been greater than any previous year. For these tokens of the divine favor, the Rector desires to express his gratitude to that God who alone giveth the increase; and who has seen fit thus to bless his imperfect ministrations.

Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl.

I report that I have been occupied during the past year, in the regular exercise of my ministry, in connexion with the Swedish Churches.

I have also devoted a small portion of my time to St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county. The congregation worshipping in the above church, is small, yet its members are punctual in their attendance, serious and devout in their demeanour. There have been six added to the communion since my last report to the Convention.

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Report of the Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County, and St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington County.

Christ Church, Fayette County.

Congregation, families, 43; baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, added, 6; died, 1; removed, 7; present number, 51; marriages, 6; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 66; total, 166; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 50; female, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 50; total, schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 100; bible classes, 1; members, 11; collections, Convention fund, $7,96; Society Advancement of Christianity, $15,56; Missionary and other purposes, $424,89.

Besides the services enumerated in the above report, there are to be added, preaching twice at New Haven, thrice at Uniontown, and twice at Steubenville. The state of this parish is, in some respects, more prosperous than it was last year. The Sunday school is more flourishing; it is now under the direction of a very efficient and zealous superintendant; has a large and well selected Library; a competent and faithful Librarian, and teachers, who are regular and diligent in the discharge of the duties of their office. It is due to a few young ladies, who are pupils in the school, to say, that the Library was mainly procured by the results of their industry in the manufacture and sale of fancy and useful articles, and their solicitations of money for that purpose.

It is due also to other young ladies of the congregation, that we bear our testimony to the zeal and love which they manifest to the cause of their Redeemer, in the diligent use which they make of their needle, that they may "make his ways known upon earth; and his saving health unto all nations." Woman, last at the cross, and first at the tomb of her Saviour,

will ever be first and last in every work which has for its object the extension of his kingdom and the glory of his name.

The public services of this parish are well attended, the responses generally and audibly made, and the attention to the preached word fixed and solemn. But notwithstanding all these favourable things, the Rector has to lament that so few have been brought, by means of his labours, into the fold of Christ; that so few have been given him as seals to his ministry. In this, however, as in all other things, he must acknowledge the divine sovereignty; that the conversion of the soul is not of "Paul who planteth, nor of Apollos who watereth; but of God who giveth the increase." The religious services which the Church has so well and wisely prescribed, for the holy season of Lent, were regularly, and as we trust, faithfully performed; but the fruit of them is, in a great measure, yet to be reaped. May it, when realized, be ripe, sound, and abundant.

St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington County.

Of this parish the Rector has only to say, that he preached as usual, one fourth of his time in the Church during the summer and fall months, but discontinued his services during the winter. In discontinuing them, two reasons actuated him: First, his health was too delicate to weather the storms that he would have had to encounter in continuing them. Second, he felt convinced that, though they should be continued, they would be unavailing.

Report of the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rector of Dyberry Parish, (including Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany,) in Wayne Co.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 9; total, 12; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 10; removed, 4; present number, 31: marriages, 2; burials, 4; children catechized 3 times. One Sunday school, which contained a short time ago about 23 male and 27 female scholars, with 9 teachers, the school has since somewhat decreased. Public services held in the parish on Sundays, have been in Honesdale, 91; in Bethany, 24; other days in Honesdale, 22; in Bethany, 1; total, 138. I have also officiated on Sundays, 12 times in Canaan, and 5 times in Salem, and on other days, 10 times in Prompton, and once in each of the following places, Waymart, Dundaff, Clarkstown, Mount Pleasant, and Germanville. At Salem on the last

Sunday I officiated there, I called a meeting of such as were favourable to the establishment of regular services in that place, and a Committee was appointed to endeavour to procure for one third of his time the services of the Rev. G. L. M'Kim, of Carbondale. Collections, Society Advancement of Christianity, $16,05½; Convention fund, $3; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $8,85½; Sunday school, $6,17½; total, $34,08½.

Besides this, it may be mentioned that the ladies of Grace Church held a fair on the 4th of July, with the proceeds of which a bell has been procured, weighing about 600 pounds, and the Church painted inside and outside.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, about 25; baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, added, 3; total, 30; marriages, 3; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 52; on other days, 2; total, 54; collection for Convention fund, $2.

The attendance on public worship is encouraging and increasing. A great effort is making to revive the Sunday school; and for the continued prosperity of the parish, we have cause to be thankful to the great head of the Church. I have also preached once in the adjoining parish of St. Mark's, whose place of worship is yet in ruins. Some members of St. Mary's Church, have opened a Sunday school in Pennsville, about three miles from the Schuylkill Bridge; where I have officiated on Sunday afternoons, to large and attentive congregations.

Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of the Mission Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 28; infants, 114; total, 142; confirmed, 77; communicants, added, 92; 9 from other churches; died or removed, 5; present number, 180; marriages, 10; burials, 17; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days, 1; total, 3; children catechized, times, 12; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 17; pupils, 125; female, 1; teachers, 20; pupils, 125; infant, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 150; total, schools, 3; teachers, 42; pupils, 400; bible classes, 4; members, 100; collections, Society Advancement of Christianity, $10; Missionary and other purposes, $31; total, $41.

The divine blessing has been graciously vouchsafed to this

Church. At the close of the third year of its existence, it may be considered as completed, for the building is nearly paid for, is habitually filled with worshippers, many of whom are communicants actively engaged in doing good, has a flourishing Sunday school, and well conducted bible classes.

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Report of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven.

We have had several services during the past year, and in August last, a stone building, 36 by 48, was commenced, which has been progressing, as means could be procured—the building is now entirely enclosed, and the basement story completed, and now occupied by the Sunday school, which is very prosperous, numbering 150 scholars; and through which much interest has been excited—and we trust much good may be the result. Within the last ten days the Rev. Samuel Buel, of Troy, New York, has accepted an invitation to become the Pastor, and is expected to commence his labours in the course of this month; when we propose to use the basement story of the Church until the main building shall be in readiness for consecration; which we confidently expect early in the fall. We have also established a Sunday school at Lewelyn, a small town, eight miles (by Rail Road,) from Schuylkill Haven, and in the midst of a mining district—the project has been very successful, and the prospect of forming a congregation in connection with Schuylkill Haven very good, as many persons residing in the neighbourhood are English, and originally were in connection with the Church of England.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel W. Hallowell.

Since my ordination, which took place on the 15th of December, 1839, I have been acting in the capacity of an assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

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Report of the Rev. R. G. Hays, Missionary, Rector of Christ Church, in Towanda, Bradford County.

Congregation, families, 17; adults, 34; children, 39; total, 73; baptisms, adults, 2; children, 16; also 9 children without the limits of my parish, total, 27; communicants, 14; public services, on Sundays, 2; total, 21; children catechized once; Sunday school teachers, 4; pupils, 26.

I entered upon the duties of this parish in February of the present year. With the blessing of God upon my labours, I

have succeeded in reorganizing the Church, which was first organized in 1834. Its prospects now are encouraging. We hope soon to have a permanent place of worship of our own. An amount sufficient to complete the building has been obtained; it is 36 by 50 feet, Gothic style, and according to contract, to be finished by the middle of next December.

The friends of the Church at Athens, (at which place I preach every fourth Sunday) are also making an effort for the erection of a Chapel.

The attendance on the services of the Church, both at Towanda and Athens, is such as to warrant the opinion that generally it is regarded favourably, and may be permanently established at both places.

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Report of the Rev. George P. Hopkins, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Susquehanna County.

Congregation, families, 21; baptisms, adults, 3; children, 13; total, 16; communicants, added, 4; present number, 16; marriages, 1; burials, 5; public services, 105; Sunday school children, 40; teachers, 6; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5.

I have been settled in this parish about a year, and am happy in believing that its prospects are much more flattering now than they were when I first took charge of it.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester County, and St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 4; total, 7; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 5; removed, 1; present number, 36; marriages, 2; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 12; total, 64; children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 7; collections, Convention Fund, $3 50; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $6 55; Missionary and other purposes, $25 75; total, $35 80.

Besides the regular services in the Church on Sundays and other days, a meeting, for religious services, is held every Wednesday evening at the Rector's house, which is very well attended; and such a degree of seriousness and devout attention pervades the assembly at these meetings, as to afford very reasonable ground of hope to the Rector, that, through the divine blessing, much good will result from this portion of his

labours, in building up that portion of our Zion committed to his care.

Our Sunday school, necessarily closed during the winter, opened in the Spring with renewed prospects of usefulness, the teachers entered upon the discharge of their duties, with an increased sense of their importance—and with a determination to use their best efforts in training up the lambs of Christ's flock "in the way they should go."

The Sewing Society of this Church still continues its useful labours, and through whose means, the house of our Zion, will soon be repaired and beautified.

The condition of this congregation, the Rector is happy to say, is more prosperous, both in temporal and spiritual things, than at any former period, during his charge.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 2; total, 3; confirmed, 1; communicants, added, 1; present number, 28; services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 4; total, 44.

Though the Rector has not had the happiness to see any special good resulting from his labours, in this congregation, during the past year; yet, he is not altogether without hope, that the seed of God's word which has been sown among them, will, in due time, produce the desired effect; and that, through the power of divine grace, many, ere long, will be brought to inquire—"What shall we do to be saved."

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Report of the Rev. Lewis Jansen, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, 53; adults, 187; children, 118; baptisms, infants, 12; confirmed, 3; communicants, removed, 8; present number, 27; marriages, 3; burials, 29; public services, on Sundays, 2; children catechized, 18 times; Sunday schools, male teachers, 7; pupils, 35; female teachers, 8; pupils, 53; total, teachers, 15; pupils, 88.

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Report of the Rev. C. V. Kelley, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Number of pewholders, 1st May, 1839, 51: added since, 9: total, 60: number of communicants, 1st May, 1839, 44: receivinice, 14: left the parish, 5: died, 1: total number of communicants, 52: baptisms, infants, 10: adults, 1: married, 3: total, 5. The children of the congregation are catechized

by the Rector. Service of the Church as follows—Sunday morning and evening; Thursday evening; Wednesday and Friday of each week during Lent; every day in Passion Week. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered every month on the first Sunday, besides the festivals. Sunday school is held twice every Sunday: number of scholars, male, 48: female, 58: total, 106: teachers, male, 4: female, 14: total, 18: collections for the past year, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $21 64: Domestic Missions, $40: Foreign Missions, $13; Sunday school purposes, $39: Convention Fund, $10: Michigan, $23: for other church purposes, $200: total, $346 64.

Some members of the congregation have subscribed upwards of one hundred dollars, to be continued for three years, towards the education of a gentleman for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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Report of the Rev. John J. Kerr, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia County.

I took charge of the above named church about the middle of April last. I have preached twice every Sunday, occasionally three times—and lectured every Thursday evening. The congregations are good in general, and the prospect as to their increase is very encouraging.

I have preached once in St. Paul's, Trinity, and the Church of the Evangelists, since my connexion with St. Mark's.

Owing to no public record of the progress of the parish having been kept, I am unable at present, to give an accurate statement of what has been done, or of the number of families or communicants belonging to the church.

There are two Sunday schools, an infant school, and the Sunday school proper. They meet every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, and every afternoon at half past two o'clock; the former numbers about thirty pupils, the latter about sixty.

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Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning; and St. Michael's Church, Wayne Township, Armstrong County.

The present report embraces the period from the 1st of May to the 15th September, 1839, during which time, I held in Kittanning, sixteen public services, baptized eight children, attended one funeral, celebrated the Lord's Supper twice in public, receiving one new member, and administering the same

blessed sacrament once in private, to an aged and decrepit female. In Wayne Township, during the same period, I held thirteen public services, baptized five children, and administered the holy communion twice, admitting one new member. In Freeport, I officiated nine times, once in St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, and once in Christ Church, Allegheny.

Having been urgently called to form a congregation at Vincennes, Indiana; and finding my strength not equal to the fatiguing duties of a school, and the charge of two congregations widely apart, I was induced to tear myself from a people among whom I had laboured for several years, I trust with some degree of acceptance, and towards whose eternal good my best efforts were ever directed. On a review of the past, although I find much to lament, I yet am cheered by the hope, that under the sustaining influences of divine grace, I shall, in due time, recognise among the saints in light, many of those beloved friends with whom I "took sweet counsel, and walked unto the house of God," in this portion of his vineyard.

For the Church in Pennsylvania, with its honoured head and dear brethren, the fervent aspiration of my soul is, "*Peace be within thee.*"

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, late Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and Grace Church, Hulmeville.

Services were discontinued in these Churches by their late minister, on Sunday, March 29th; since which time, he has by invitation, officiated a number of times for three or four of the brethren, administering the Lord's Supper for one of them not yet in Priest's Orders in West Chester, and assisting in the same rite elsewhere. From the period of his last report down to the aforementioned date, he had public services on the Lord's day, 48 times at St. Andrew's, Yardleyville, and 53 times at Grace Church, Hulmeville, with a few occasional services, both within, and beyond the limits of these parishes, on other days. There have been no confirmations during the time embraced in this communication, but several persons were left in a state of preparation for that rite. At St. Andrew's the Lord's Supper was administered but once, in consequence of an appointment of the Bishop for that purpose, at an ordination, to take place in this church, soon after it was given up. One, perhaps I should say two communicants, have, however, been added. At Grace Church, Hulmeville, there have been two communions, but with no actual addition to

the Lord's Table. The present number, after striking out the name of one removed, being four. Two persons, making a profession of an interest in Christ, and desiring to have their names entered as members, together with two others professing religion about the same time, were in consequence of a great and sudden change in the business of the place, obliged to remove before they had an opportunity of availing themselves of the Christian's privilege. Indeed, about this time, notwithstanding the fermentings of an anti-christian leaven, there were no small indications of the Grace of God in this parish. Six children belonging to the persons just made mention of, have been baptized, and one at St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, being the first time this rite has ever been administered in these churches; and in this last named congregation there was, to all appearance, when the Parish was relinquished, a good state of feeling, if not the beginnings of a work of Grace. This congregation, besides fulfilling their pecuniary engagements with their late Pastor, have, during the past year, erected a handsome steeple to their Church edifice, and though involved in debt and difficulty, when he entered on his labours amongst them, are now considered nearly free from both. At Hulmeville, considerably more than $100 has been raised, which not only pays off all the debts remaining on the Church and Church-yard, but leaves a handsome surplus on hand. Collections for the Diocesan Society and other purposes, were taken up before the writer of this report left the county, in both Churches. The Sunday school belonging to Grace Church, not having been opened for the season, it is not easy to form an opinion of its prospects. It is feared, however, that they will not be more encouraging than formerly. There has been one funeral from this Parish, and one, and two marriages, in that of St. Andrew's. A handsome donation of books from the Bishop White Parish Library Association, for the use of the Rector, has been left with a Committee of the Vestry of this Church, for his successor.

Report of the Rev. Alfred Louderback, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Columbia County, and St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland County.

Christ Church, Danville.

Congregation, families, about 13; adults, 28; total in atten-

dance varying from 50 to 170; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 6; communicants, added, 8; removed, 4; present number, 14; confirmed, 7; married, 2; funerals, 2; public services, 2 every other Sunday, and one every Friday evening; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 5; female, 5; pupils, about 50; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $4,75; Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $3,60; Convention fund, $2,82.

St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.

Congregation, families, about 20; adults, 40; total in attendance, about 150; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 5; confirmed, 10; communicants, added, 10; present number, 21; public services, 2 every other Sunday; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 7; female, 14; pupils, 90; children catechized in the school; bible class, 1; members, 25; collections, Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $4,25; Convention fund, $3,67.

The prospect of increase, in both of these Parishes, is about the same as was reported last year. It will be the work of years, to give the Church a permanent footing in either place. Yet, although the work may be slow, we have reason to expect that it will be sure in its operation; and we shall reap in due time, if we faint not.

Through the exertions of the ladies of the Parish, the Church at Sunbury has been provided with a new organ, at the cost of $400, one half of which has been paid.

I have, for the year past, held a third service, about two miles from Danville, which has been well attended; besides preaching occasionally at other places in the neighbourhood, and at a distance. May God add his blessing.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County, and Missionary.

Congregation, families, 28; adults, 87; children, 44; total, 131; baptisms, infants, 1; confirmations, 4; communicants, added, 1; present number, 32; marriages, 2; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 12; total, 120; children catechized, about 30; times, 9; Sunday school, in which there were 5 teachers and 35 scholars, was closed through the winter, and has not yet been re-opened, but is designed to be soon. Collections, Episcopal fund, $4,22; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $13,59; Convention fund, $4,17; Bishop White

Prayer Book Society, $2,75; other purposes, $58,53; total, $83,26.

The interior of our Church has been painted, the Churchyard levelled and improved, and enclosed by a new railing, and a number of handsome trees planted in the yard. I have officiated in school houses in the neighbourhood a few times, having full and attentive congregations. Nothing else particularly interesting or encouraging has transpired since my last report, to require notice.

Report of the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, officiating Minister of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 10; total, 18; communicants, added, 28; died or removed, 8; present number, 480; confirmed, 26; marriages, 7; burials, 9; bible classes, 2; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 16; pupils, 175; female, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 276; total, schools, 4; teachers, 40; pupils, 451; collections, Missionary and other purposes, about $1600.

I took the charge of this Church in January last, at the solicitation of its Vestry. Services have been regularly performed, and an encouraging interest and seriousness have been evinced. I humbly trust that some good has been effected. But the Church has laboured under those disadvantages incident to the separation of a beloved Pastor from his flock. These embarrassments, however, have been greatly relieved by the valuable services of the Rev. Mr. Bent, whose labours were called to another field at the time when I assumed its duties. The Church is now without a Pastor, and it is earnestly to be desired that one shall be provided, who may enlist her affections, and call forth her most efficient action.

Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county, and St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county.

Congregation, families, 40; adults, 118; children, 62; total, 180; baptisms, adults, 2; confirmed, 7; communicants, 36; marriages, 3; burials, 3; public services about 45; Sunday school teachers, 4; pupils, 23; bible classes, members, 16; collections, Convention fund, $5,25; Society Advancement of Christianity, $2; other purposes, $50; total, $57,25.

The congregation has been, for the year past, very well sustained. Through the winter, the bible class has been promptly attended, under the instruction of the Rector, and

has been a source of great satisfaction to him. The labours of your Missionary have been considerably interrupted by the severe and protracted sickness of his family, which, for many weeks, seemed to command his whole attention.

St. Mathew's Church, Pike, Bradford County.

The congregation has not been more numerous or interesting for several years, than it has for the year last past. Communicants, 22; public services, 48; collections, the Convention fund, $4,25; other purposes, about $40. The distance between the residence of your Missionary and the Church, at Pike, about sixteen miles, renders it impossible for him to spend as much time with the people there as he would be very glad to do.

In the Church at Springville, there has been some excitement for a few months, as there is apt to be at times, in all Protestant Churches. Under the despotic government of the Papal Church, men do not distract their minds about their creed or the principles of government. All there is passive obedience; all there move upon a calm and unruffled sea, even a dead sea of black and bitter waters. But we move upon a living stream, for ever pure, for ever active.

Report of the Rev. F. H. L. Laird, Missionary at Georgetown, Beaver Co., Pa.

[This report includes, by mistake, a return, also, for East Liverpool, Ohio.]

Marriages, 2; baptisms, infants, 4; new communicants, 2; communicants, total, 26; families, 20; Sunday services, 104; week day services, 21; organized congregations, 2; other places, 8; communion administered, 6; Par. collections, $65; Society for theAdvancement of Christianity, $5.

Georgetown Church was ceiled last fall, and efforts are being made to have it plastered during the present summer. I have distributed, through the two congregations, two dozen of prayer books. A collection for the Convention fund will soon be made.

Report of the Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware County.

Congregation, families, 58; adults, 174; children, 156; total, 330; baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 17; total, 27; confirmed, 34; communicants, added, 40; removed, 7; present number, 64; marriages, 3; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, 72; other

days, 59; total, 131; children catechized occasionally; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 85; female, 1; teachers, 16; pupils, 125; total, schools, 2; teachers, 26; pupils, 210; collections, Society Advancement of Christianity, $10; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $10; Convention fund, $6; Parish purposes, including money raised by the congregation, for the completion of the Church edifice, $1251,31, total, $1277,31.

Since the last annual report, this parish has been apparently prospered, both in temporal and spiritual things. The zeal and perseverance of its friends have been rewarded by witnessing the completion of the Church building, and its consecration to the worship of God on the 24th of November last. For this we are partly indebted to the kind interest and liberal donations of our friends in Philadelphia and elsewhere.

There has been manifested at the same time by the congregation, a most commendable and self-denying spirit during a period of great pecuniary distress.

There have been two confirmations during the year, and a third has been appointed on Sunday, May 31st, for which an encouraging number of candidates are preparing.

St. John's Church, Concord.

From August 1st to January 1st, I supplied this vacant congregation. During this time I officiated eighteen Sundays, administered the Holy Communion twice, and baptized one infant. The report of this parish, with which I am not at present connected, will be given, I presume, by the Wardens.

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Report of the Rev. John J. McElhinny, Rector of Trinity Church, Connelsville, New Haven, and St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, Fayette County.

Congregation, families, 22; adults, 61; children, about 50; total, 111; communicants, present, 31; public services, on Sundays, 5.

St. Peter's Church, Uniontown.

Congregation, families, 8; adults, 23; children, 20; total, 43; communicants, present number, 4; public services, on Sundays, 5.

I have had charge of these parishes only since the first Sunday in April last. Up to that time, since my ordination in July 1839, I performed divine service and preached at the following places; Sugar Loaf, twice; Orangeville, once; Kit-

tanning, once; Laceyville, once; Lawrenceville, once; Alleghenytown, three times; Brownsville, once; Uniontown, twice; Connellsville, twice; Pittsburgh, eleven times; in all twenty-five-times.

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Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks co.

Congregation, families, 42: adults, 139: children, 67: total, 206: baptisms, infants, 15: communicants, added, 8: died, 1: removed, 8: present number, 53: marriages, 9: burials, 6: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 73: total, 177: children catechized, 43: times, 12: Sunday schools, male, 2: teachers, 13: pupils, 70: female, 2: teachers, 20: pupils, 80: total, schools, 4: teachers, 33: pupils, 150: collections, Episcopal Fund, $6: Soc. Adv. of Christianity $16; Missionary and other purposes, $206: total, 228.

The sum of fifty-five dollars has been paid to the Board of Missions. Of this amount, twenty-four dollars were contributed by the Sunday school children, and by them, appropriated to Mrs. Hill's school at Athens; the balance was collected at the monthly Missionary meetings, and applied to Domestic Missions.

The Rector is happy to state, that the condition of the parish is prosperous.

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Report of the Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, Missionary.

Congregation, families, 17: adults, 55; children, 30: total, 95; baptisms, infants, 4: total, 4: communicants, present number, 20: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 34: other days, 1: total, 35: collections, Missionary and other purposes, $5; total, $5.

In addition to the above, for my present station at Waterford, I beg to state, that shortly after my last report to the Bishop, in consequence of the ineffectual attempts to procure an organization of the church at Mercer, I deemed it my duty to extend my services as Missionary, to various vacant congregations, and such situations as afforded a field for my labours.

The summer and autumn up to Nov. 1st, were thus occupied, in a circuit of one hundred and twenty-six miles each fortnight, officiating on an average six times in its course, viz; Mercer 21, with 2 baptisms, 2 marriages, 1 burial; Wilming-

ton, 18 services, 3 infant baptisms, 1 adult; Steeleysville, 1 service, 7 baptisms; Newcastle, 2 services; Franklin, 2; Rockville, 3, for the Rev. Mr. Crumpton; Meadville, 8 services, and a portion of those above reported at Waterford.

Since November 1st, my duties have been confined to Waterford: *here* I am happy to say, (though after the fallacious hopes, and humbling disappointments heaped upon me elsewhere, I rejoice with much fear,) there is a very encouraging attention manifested to the services of our church, and our congregation may, I believe, without affirming too much, be said to be in a state of incipient prosperity.

Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 175; total, 700; baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 31; total, 40; confirmed, 25; communicants, added, 52; present number, 260; public services, on Sundays, 94; other days, 20; total, 114; children catechized, since Lent on Sunday afternoons, Sunday schools, male 1; pupils, 67; female, 2; pupils, 214; total, schools, 3; pupils, 293; bible classes, 1; members, 12; collections, Episcopal Fund and Convention, $142; Soc. Adv. of Chris. $203; Missionary and other purposes, $2474; total, $2819 03.

Report of the Rev. Gebrge Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, Chester county.

Congregation, families, 67; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 3; total, 5; confirmed, 7; communicants, added, 2; present number, 72; marriages, 8; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 20; total, 72; children catechised, 16; times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 36; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 11; Soc. Adv. of Chris. $13 80; Convention Fund, $4 47; total, $21 38.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook Township, Chester Co.

Congregation, families, 96; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 9; total, 10; confirmed, 6; communicants, added, 2; died 1; present number, 52; marriages, 6; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 6; total, 58; children catechized, 17; times, 2: collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 37; Convention Fund, $2 77; other purposes, $30; total, $36 14.

Report of the Rev. J. Gorden Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 6, infants, 38; total, 44; confirmed 23; communicants, added, 45; died or removed, 7; present number, 72; marriages, 5; burials, 14; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 50; total, 154; children catechized, 10; Sunday schools, male 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 154; female, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 189; total, schools, 4; teachers, 22; pupils, 343; bible classes, 2; members, 65; collections, Missionary and other purposes, $53.

In reviewing the past year, the rector cannot but record his grateful sense of the Master's favor towards this infant church during that period. He trusts that many precious souls have been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, and that others have had the blessed experience of a deeper work of Grace.

The Sabbath schools in connexion with this Church are in an exceedingly flourishing condition.

It is matter of regret that the temporal concerns of the parish are not at present on the footing which its friends could desire, but the hope is indulged that our prospects in this respect are soon to brighten.

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Report of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families, 57; adults, 128; children, 92; total, 220; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 22; total. 25; confirmed, 12; communicants, added. 8; died, 1; removed. 6; present number, 31; marriages, 5; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 30; total, 126; children catechized, 100; times, 6; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 107; female, 1; teachers, 26; pupils, 120; total, schools, 2; teachers, 31; pupils, 227; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $20; Domestic missions, $7 50; Sunday schools, $53 42; Theological Seminary, Bible and Prayer Book distribution, $37 58; other purposes, $30 18; total, $148 68.

The depressed condition of business has prevented any attempt towards the erection of a new Church, and has also occasioned some variation in the amount of our quarterly collections—the last of these occurring previous to the meeting of the Convention has been postponed, which accounts for there being no amount raised for the Episcopal Fund. In October, the minister of the Parish received Priest's Orders—

since which the Communion has been regularly administered monthly and on the festival of Christmas and Easter.

The frequent changes in the Parish from the removal of its families, continue to be sources of discouragement; but it is hoped that the ministrations of the Church have not been wholly lost in a community where they are greatly needed.

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Report of the Rev. J. H. Marsden, Rector of Christ Church, Huntingdon township, Adams County.

Communicants, present number, 25; marriages, 2; burials, 3.

I entered upon the duties of Rector of the above named Church about the beginning of June last. My connexion with the Gettysburg Female Seminary, entered into at a prior date, prevented me during the early part of the past year, from devoting my time so fully to the interests of the congregation as I desired to do. Late in the autumn I resigned the office of Principal of that institution, and removed within the limits of my parochial charge. I have preached alternately at Christ Church, Huntingdon, and at the Chapel, recently erected in Petersburg. At the latter place the attendance is usually good, and a marked degree of attention given to the word of life. I regret to add, that our Chapel edifice has been injured by a violent storm which occurred about the middle of April, and at the same time a considerabe part of the barn on the farm belonging to the church, was blown down—I fear that in repairing these injuries, we shall subject ourselves to pecuniary embarrassments. Besides my regular services, I have preached at Whites town, at Heidlersburg, and other places in the vicinity.

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Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Chester County.

Congregation, families, 25; adults, 70; children, 90; including the pupils of two boarding schools, who form part of the regular congregation: total, 160; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 9; total, 15; communicants, added, 16; removed, 2; present number, 18; marriages, 7; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 78; other days, 2; total, 80; children catechized, 20; on the first Sunday in every month; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 2; pupils, 10; female teachers, 4; pupils, 12; total, teachers, 6; pupils, 22; one bible class, with about ten members, taught by the Rector during the week at his own house.

The only collection hitherto taken up, has been a monthly collection, appropriated to the contingent expenses of the Church.

The present is the first occasion of the appearance of this Parish before the Convention with its report. The report now offered, extends back to the first of August last, at which time the charge of the Church was undertaken by the present rector. The beautiful building in which we worship, had then but just been completed; and though it might have been esteemed a hazardous experiment to undertake the erection of such an edifice in a place which could number but two or three Episcopal families, and where the ground had been occupied by other denominations; and though various circumstances have combined to cause disappointment in regard to the aid which was expected from other sources; yet through the blessing of God on the liberal spirit, and the enterprising exertions of the Vestry, the undertaking has been well sustained. Every obstacle has been surmounted, and every claim against the church, honorably met. And though still encumbered with a debt of about two thousand dollars—to which amount a loan has been obtained—the hope is entertained that the Church will be able to sustain itself, without connection with any other parish. The congregation is increasing; prejudice against our service is wearing away; and the cheering expectation is confidently indulged that, in a short time, our beloved and Apostolic Church, with all its healthful holy influences on the cause of sober and substantial piety, will be established in the midst of an intelligent and thriving community on a firm and lasting foundation.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre County.

Congregation. families, 24; adults, 52; children, 40; total, 92; baptisms, infants, 9; communicants, added, 7; removed, 1; present number, 21; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 41; other days, 8; total, 49; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 80; bible classes, 1; members, 12; collections, Episcopal Fund, $6 50; Society Adv. of Christianity, $20; Missionary and other purposes, $62; total, $88 50.

In consequence of ill health, I have been obliged to be absent from my parish for several months. During that time the church has been closed, with the exception of Two Sundays. Considering this circumstance, the state of the Parish,

at my return, was highly encouraging. The Sunday school was continued through the winter with good effect.

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Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 29; total, 34; confirmed, 24; communicants, added, 26; died or removed, 6; present number, 226; marriages, 6; burials, 20; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 59; total, 167; the children connected with the male and female Sunday schools, are catechized from Easter to Whit-Sunday; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 11; pupils, 80; female, 1; teachers, 32; pupils, 154; infant school, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 68; adult school, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 92; day school, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 130; collections, for the Episcopate, $200; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $358 79; Convention Fund, $65; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $127; General Theological Seminary, $250; aiding other churches, $260; Missionary and other purposes, $1346 42; total, $2607 21.

The amount disbursed by the parish among its poor communicants and other private objects of charity, is $573 50.

In the course of the summer of 1839, a spacious Sunday school house was erected by the parish at an expense of two thousand dollars; in which building the Sunday and Parochial schools are comfortably accommodated.

On the consecration of the Rev. Dr. De Lancey to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Western New York, (on the 9th of May, 1839,) the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church became vacant, and the parish thereby deprived of the invaluable services of one, who, for a period of seventeen years had labored faithfully and successfully in behalf of Christ and his Church. The blessings of a whole parish go with their former pastor, and his name (bound up as it is with their present prosperity,) is deservedly dear to the hearts of young and old. Immediately on the consecration of the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, the present Rector elect, then his assistant, became the officiating minister, and held the station till the 28th of April, 1840, when he was called to the rectorship.

May the peace and harmony which have attended this parish since its establishment, rest upon it in future. May the people, (directed by the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and guided by the old landmarks which their fathers

have set,) continue to show forth the Spirit of their Divine Lord, and to maintain inviolate, the faith of the "one Catholic and Apostolic Church," which is the body of Christ, "the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

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Report of the Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 24; marriages, 7; present number of communicants, 74; added to the communion, 19; Sunday schools, 2; scholars, male and female, about 160; teachers, 14; services, on Sundays, 100; on other occasions, 70; collections for benevolent purposes, $75.

The Rector desires gratefully to acknowledge the loving kindness of the Lord to this Church. He has never, since his connection with it, laboured a year, with more satisfaction to himself, and more apparent profit to his people.

The attendance on all occasions of worship both public and social, has been uniformly good, and the operations of the Holy Spirit, in his quickening and reviving influences, has been felt and acknowledged, to the joy of many hearts.

The unusually large number of deaths which have occurred during the year, have thrown a gloom over the Parish, for most of them have been of highly valued and much loved communicants; it is hoped, however, that it will be but temporary, for others have been added to the Church, whose zeal and faithfulness, thus far, inspire the hope of their becoming "burning and shining lights."

The Rector, at the request of its Vestry, has engaged to take under his care, Grace Church, at Hulmeville, lately vacated by Rev. Mr. Kirke. In this additional labour and responsibility, he has the promise of assistance from the Rev. Mr. Dobb, whose occasional services, since his recent ordination, give the promise of much efficiency.

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Report of the Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. James Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery Co.

Baptisms, adults, 3: children, 8; total, 11; communicants, added, 5; present number, 70; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 26; Sunday school, male teachers, 2 ; female teachers, 4; pupils, 56; bible class, 10; collections, Episcopal fund, $5,60; Convention fund, $2; other purposes, $16; total, $23,50.

The condition of this Parish is, in all respects, good.

St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, children, 5; communicants, died, 2; present number, 68; marriages, 1; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 54; total, 106; Sunday school, male teachers, 3; female teachers, 5; pupils, 60; collections, Episcopal fund, $6; Convention fund, $4; Society for Advancement of Christianity in Pa., $5; other purposes, $20; total, $35.

It has been but a few months since this Parish united with St. David's; hence, the Rector, as yet, can say but little.

Report of the Rev. Edward Rice.

I have been engaged, during the greater part of the time which has elapsed since the meeting of the last Convention, in teaching several branches of Theological science in the Moravian Theological Seminary, at Bethlehem, in Northampton County.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 23; total, 28; confirmed, 17; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 7; present number, 67; marriages, 3; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 13; total, 117; children catechized, 20; times, 30; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 14; female, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 15; total, schools, 2; teachers, 5; pupils, 29; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10; Missionary and other purposes, $290; total, $300.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Congregation, families, 80: adults and children, 450: baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 15: total, 16: confirmed, 9: communicants, added, 21: died or removed, 7: present number, 65: marriages, 4: burials, 4: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 10: total, 114: children catechized monthly: Sunday schools, teachers, 12: pupils, 80: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $11: Missionary and other purposes, $180: total, $191.

As the best evidence of the increasing prosperity of his Parish, the Rector is happy to mention the enlargement of the Church building, which is now advancing to completion, and which, when finished, will add one third more to its capacity for accommodation. This increase was urgently demanded by the addition of families to the congregation.

Report of the Rev. William Henry Rees, Principal of the West Chester Academy, Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Until the first of last April, I continued in charge of the Mount Vernon Institute; and at the instance of the Trustees, I removed on that date to West Chester, and assumed the care of the Academy.

During the past year, I have performed the service of our Church, and preached to the pupils every Sunday. In the afternoon, they have formed a Sunday school, which I have superintended. The catechizm has been recited regularly. I have preached 56 times: married 2 couple: and baptized 2 infants.

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Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county.

Communicants, added, 3: whole number, 18: baptisms, 2: Sunday schools, 1: pupils, boys, 30: girls, 40: whole number, 70: teachers, 12: children catechized occasionally: services twice on Sunday, and once during the week. There are several awaiting confirmation, in order to communion with the Church.

The Rector has been accustomed to devote every alternate Sunday to missionary labour in the country around. The Sunday which would otherwise have thus been left vacant, has, (during the last six months) been supplied by the efficient services of the Rev. A. S. Colton.

The present incumbent expects to relinquish the charge of St. Luke's Church, immediately after this Convention, in order more fully to attend to two or three interesting stations in the vicinity: at one of which (Centreville) a congregation has been organized with fair prospects of success, and a new and very neat little Church is nearly completed. There are several other positions at which the Church could, I think, be without much difficulty established.

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Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, adults, 7: infants, 21: total, 28: (one adult by immersion:) confirmed, 12: communicants, added, 25: died or re-moved 2: present number, 68: marriages, 3: burials, 11: pub-lic services, on Sundays, 103: other days, 45: total, 148: chil-dren catechized in Sunday school: Sunday schools, 1: teach-ers, pupils, 128: collections, Episcopal fund, $5: Con-

vention fund, $4,70: Missionary and other purposes, $1100: total, $1109,70.

The funds mentioned under the head "other purposes," were expended in repairing and beautifying the Church building.

The affairs of the congregation in general wear an encouraging aspect.

Report of the Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Minister of St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks County, of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery County, and of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester County.

St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks County.

Congregation, families, 16; adults, 95; children, 45; total, 140; communicants, 25; public services, on Sundays, 13; on other days, 3; total, 16; baptisms, infants, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 1; Sunday school, teachers, 5; pupils, 30; total, 35. A course of catechetical lectures on the Bible has been recently commenced.

Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families, 19; adults, 60; children, 45; total, 105; communicants, 22; public services, on Sundays, 20; on other days, 3; total, 23; Sunday school, teachers, 12; pupils, 120; total, 132. Many of the children, who attend the Sunday school, are connected with the Lutheran Church. At a *Fair*, held by the ladies of this Parish, on Easter Monday last, $270 were realized for the payment of a debt previously incurred by the Church.

St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester County.

Congregation, families, 9; adults, 30; children, 24; total, 54; public services, on Sundays, 18; Sunday school, teachers, 6; pupils, 35; total, 41. Several children attend the Sunday school from other congregations in the village. Much praise is due to the lay members of this infant Parish, for the promptitude and zeal, with which the design of procuring the erection of a suitable edifice for public worship has been prosecuted and sustained. This edifice, the corner stone of which was laid by the Bishop, with appropriate services, on Easter Tuesday, the 21st ultimo, will, probably, be ready for consecration in October next.

These Churches were taken charge of in December last, by the present Minister, who cannot be sufficiently thankful

for the Divine blessing on his humble effort to impart to them a gradual, and, as he trusts, a permanent increase.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 220; adults, 520; children, 500; total, 1020; baptisms, adults, 24; infants, 51; total, 75; confirmed, 80; communicants, added, 100; died or removed, 20; present number, 389; marriages, 30; burials, 18; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 90; total, 194; children catechized occasionally; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 21; pupils, 135; female, 1; teachers, 29; pupils, 222; total, schools, 2; teachers 38; pupils, 357; bible classes, 4; members, 42; collections, Episcopal fund, $43,97; Convention fund, $43,97; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $100; Missionary and other purposes, $5600; total, $5787,94.

In reporting to the Convention, the Rector of this Parish would record his gratitude to Almighty God, for the unnumbered mercies of the past year. The blessings of previous years have been continued, and in still greater abundance. The number of communicants has been largely increased, while a spirit of liberality to the cause of the Redeemer has been generously displayed.

In the Female Sunday School, 3 teachers and 7 scholars have become open followers of the Saviour, while in the male school, 4 teachers and 2 boys have made in the appointed ordinances of the Church, a profession of faith. The children in the two schools have contributed to Missionary objects $137,74. The male teachers have established a branch school at Pennsville, about six miles from the City, which, at the present time, numbers 8 teachers and 80 children. These are not included in the parochial schedule.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abound towards us yet more and more.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford Township, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, children, 11; communicants, 36; funerals, 20; marriages, 19; Sunday schools, 3; teachers, 15; children, 150; collections, Theological Seminary, $40; Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, $52,72; Bishop's fund, $7,16; Convention fund, $7,16; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $40; total, $147,04.

Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, in the City of Philadelphia.

Communicants, added, 57; died and removed, 32; present number, 346; baptisms, adults, 15; infants, 61; total, 77; marriages, 25; funerals, 10; confirmations, 27.

The Rector has been prevented, by ill health, from attending to his proper measure of duty, during the whole of the past winter. God has been pleased in a measure to restore him, and he looks forward to the present season as a time of rest after twenty years incessant labour, and if the Lord will, an opportunity to obtain a full recovery of health. The congregation have been kept generally in an encouraging state. He has been favoured with the assistance of the Rev. Amos D. McCoy, during the past five months.

Missionary collections.—Between eleven and twelve hundred dollars have been dispensed through his hands, during the past year, for various purposes, which may come under this head.

The congregation have devoted their main efforts to a monthly collection, to remove the mortgage upon the Church. These collections have amounted, in the year, to more than six thousand dollars, for this purpose; an average of more than five hundred dollars a month. The Church is in as prosperous a condition, on the whole, as in previous years.

Report of the Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 20; total, 27; confirmed, 13; communicants, added, 17; marriages, 14; burials, 9; public services, on the Lord's day, 110; on other days, 70; total, 180; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, male, 8; female, 12; total, 20; scholars usually about 120; bible classes, 1; collections, To constitute the Rector a Life Member of the Society for Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $30; for the Diocese of Michigan, $53; for Parish purposes, $85; for the Convention fund, $5; making a total of $173. The above collections were all made from St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

The Rector thinks there is a decidedly increased attention to religious duty.

A Bible Society has been formed in connection with the Church, which has been instrumental in distributing a large number of bibles and testaments in Delaware county. Upwards of $150 has been paid into its treasury.

Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Allegheny County.

Congregation, families, about 160; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 61; total, 62; communicants, added, 27; died or removed, 15; present number, 259; marriages, 9; burials, 36; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 102; female, 1; teachers, 16; pupils, 138; total, schools, 2; teachers, 22; pupils, 240; bible classes, in Sunday school, 2; collections, Episcopal fund, $25; Society Advancement of Christianity, $175; Missionary and other purposes, $325; total, $525.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

During the preceding twelve-month I have suffered much from indisposition. As, however, the state of my health would admit, I have laboured in the same manner as noticed in my previous reports, viz., visiting the sick, officiating at the public Institutions, and in destitute Parishes; assisting such of my brethren in the ministry as requested the aid of my services; and attending to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions."

Report of the Rev. Enos Woodward, Missionary and Rector of Christ Church, in the City and County of Alleghany, from November the 1st, 1839, being the time at which the present Rector entered upon the parochial duties of the Parish, to May 1st, 1840, comprising a period of six months.

Congregation, families, about 30; and some parts of families compose the congregation; the precise number not ascertained; baptisms, infants and children, 17; total, 17. Several candidates for confirmation are waiting the visit of the Bishop, in hope then to receive it; communicants, added, 20; died, 1; present number, 56; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 47; on other days, 17; total, 64; the whole Sunday school is occasionally catechized; Sunday schools, male teachers, 6; pupils, 20; female teachers, 3; pupils, 30; total, schools, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 50; bible classes, 1; members, 8. This class is but recently commenced. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $8.

This Church has, until recently, been pressed with debt, and is, at this time, though free from debt, labouring under great inconvenience and hindrance in their course of usefulness, for the want of a larger and more comfortable house to

worship in. They have therefore felt it their duty to devote all their pecuniary energies to the erection of a more spacious and permanent church edifice. This will account for the leanness of our public collections for Missionary purposes the present year. We do hope, should it please our heavenly Father, to enable us to complete our contemplated church, that we shall not be backward in the support of the benevolent institutions of the day, to the extent of our abilities.

The want of my usual health has hitherto prevented me from paying full attention to the Sunday school and bible class. Through mercy my usual health appears to be again restored, which will enable me, I trust, to be more vigilant and useful in this, and every other branch of my Parochial duties in future. In addition to my labours in this parish, I have officiated seven times in Pittsburgh; twice in Trinity church, and five times in St. Andrew's.

As to the spiritual state of our church and congregation, there is, I trust, an encouraging growth in grace, and a going on to know the Lord manifesting itself in the happy experience of many. The deep interest which is taken in the solemn worship of the church, as well as in the preaching of the word, the christian attachment and affection which seem to bind the whole together, with many other indications of their advancement in the knowledge and love of God, call for our highest ascriptions of praise and thanksgiving. May it still abound more and more, even unto the perfect day.

Report of the Rev. Wm. White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families, 38; adults, 82; children, 76; total, 196; baptisms, infants, 12; total, 12; communicants, added, 3; present number, 54; marriages, 2; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 8; total, 58; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 9; female, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 8; total, schools, 2: teachers, 5; pupils, 17; collections, Missionary and other purposes, $26 95.

The members of this congregation live, many of them, so far from the church, that their attendance on the public services of the sanctuary is often extremely difficult. To accommodate them, the rector has officiated at a school house every four weeks, and at other places in different parts of the country, in all, thirteen times. He has also preached five times at Kittanning, where there is a vacant parish; and eight times

in various other places. What the result of these labours has been, "the day of the Lord will declare." The Sunday school of this Parish has been small; and was discontinued during the winter, but is now in operation with the prospect of increased numbers and usefulness.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Waylen, Rector of St. John the Baptist's Church, York, York County.

Congregation, families, 29; adults, 75; children, 57; total, (regularly connected with the church,) 132; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 11; total, 17; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 9; present number, 45; marriages, 4; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 36; total, 132; children catechized, 48; times, 52; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 18; female, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 7; pupils,48; besides an infant class of 20; bible classes, 1; members, 12; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5; bible Society, $9; total, $14.

The Rector is happy to report that the affairs of his parish continue on the whole to present an encouraging aspect. During the past year, the congregation has expended four hundred and fifty dollars on repairs and improvements in the Church, which accounts for the small amount raised for missionary and other objects. By the addition of several new pew holders, and the augmented subscriptions of some donors, the rector is placed above the need of foreign aid; and the congregation (for the first time) *sustains itself*, which, in a town of such growing importance as York, it ought to do. Except during the two months occupied by the alterations made in the building, the entire ecclesiastical year has been observed, and the Holy Communion administered on the principal Festivals.

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Report of the Rev. J. Wilthank, Chaplain of the U. S. Navy.

He respectfully reports, that his services for the past year have been regularly conducted at the Naval Asylum at this place, and he hopes with a good effect. In addition to the sailors maimed and worn out in the service of their country, he has had an accession of twenty midshipmen with a professor of Mathematics to instruct and qualify them for the examination requisite to their promotion to "Passed Midshipmen." This

arrangement opens a field for further usefulness, and he hopes will prove the nucleus for the permanent foundation of a Naval Academy of equal activity and celebrity to that at West Point.

Marriages, 2; funerals, 3.

Report of the Parish of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Northampton Co.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 8; total; 9; confirmed, 4; communicants, present number, 16; marriages, 1; burials, 2; congregation, families, 14; public services, on Sundays by the Rev. R. F. Burnham, within the parish, containing the villages of Mauch Chunk, Summit and Nisquehoning, 44; on other days, 2; on Sunday by the Rev. J. M. Rogers, rector of Trinity Church, Easton, twice. In October last the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese visited this parish, and held a confirmation, and preached twice.

This congregation is at present without a rector, the Rev. Richard F. Burnham having resigned the charge of the parish on the 27th February last. Throughout the year, when not supplied by a clergymen, the lay worship of the Church, and reading sermons has been regularly resorted to on Sunday mornings, amounting to twenty-seven occasions, and as we trust, with good effect.

In November last, a Sunday school was organised in this village. It is now under the care of a superintendent and three teachers, and numbers 18 children of both sexes.

Last fall a heavy stone wall was erected in order to level a lot upon the mountain side, on which we anticipate soon to commence the erection of a church, unavoidable circumstances have prevented our beginning the work earlier in the season, as we had fully intended to have done.

Report of the Rev. William White, Missionary, officiating in the Parish of Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong County.

Congregation, families, 24; adults, 53; children, 47; total, 100; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 5; total, 7; communicants, added 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 40; marriages, 1; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 15; total, 61; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 12; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 18; total, schools, 2; teachers, 10; pupils, 30; collections, Missionary and other purposes, $22 06.

The state of this congregation is rather encouraging. The services of the church are generally well attended. The Sun-

day school continues in successful operation. The teachers are confined to the questions prepared by the general society; and the rector examines the scholars on the lesson, and explains the next lesson to the teachers. He also instructs a class in the catechism twice a month. These constitute our present operations in behalf of the young. However, the rector, conscious that more efficient means may be devised, will have the schools in both his parishes, made auxiliary to the Diocesan Society, and will adopt such mode of instruction as may be recommended.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ Church.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity Church, and St. Andrew's Church.

Alleghany—Christ Church.

Lawrenceville—St. John's Church.

Laceyville—St. Paul's Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's Church.

Freeport—Trinity Church.*

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's Church.

Reading—Christ Church.

Morgantown—St. Thomas' Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James' the Greater's Church.

Newtown—St. Luke's Church.

Yardleyville—St. Andrew's Church.

Hulmeville—Grace Church.

Centreville—Trinity Church.*

BUTLER COUNTY.

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*Admitted into union at the Convention of 1840.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity Church.
Bellefonte—St. John's Church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's Church.
East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's Church.
Great Valley—St. Peter's Church.
Pequea—St. John's Church.
West Whiteland township—St. Paul's Church.
West Vincent—St. Andrew's Church.
Honeybrook—St. Mark's Church.
West Chester—Church of Holy Trinity.
Phœnixville—St. Peter's Church.*

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's Church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's Church.
Madison—Jerseytown—Christ Church.
Danville—Christ Church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ Church.
Rockville—Trinity Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's Church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's Church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's Church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's Church.
Concord township—St. John's Church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's Church.
Rockdale—Calvary Church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's Church.
Waterford—St. Peter's Church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ Church.
Manalen—Grace Church.
Connelsville—Trinity Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's Church.

* Admitted into union at the Convention of 1840.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's Church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' Church.
Leacock—Christ Church.
Caernarven township, Churchtown—Bangor Church.
Marietta—Zion Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barré—St. Stephen's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey—St. James' Church.

MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's Church.
Thompsontown—St. Stephen's Church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' Church.
Perkiomen township—St. James' Church.
Norristown—St. John's Church.
Pottstown—Christ Church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity Church.
Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Milton—Christ Church.
Sunbury—St. Matthew's Church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, St. James' Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Grace Church, All Soul's Church, the Church of the Epiphany, the Church of the Ascension, and St. Luke's Church.
Northern Liberties—St. John's Church.
Southwark—Trinity Church.
Francisville—St. Matthew's Church.
Lower Dublin township—All Saints' Church.
Oxford township—Trinity Church.
Germantown—St. Luke's Church.
Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's Church.
Kensington—Emmanuel Church.
West Philadelphia—St. Mary's Church.
Manayunk—St. David's Church.
Spring Garden—Zion Church.

Moyamensing—All Saints' Church.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's Church, and Trinity Church.
Schuylkill Haven—St. James' Church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's Church, and St. Andrew's Church.
New Milford—St. Mark's Church.
Montrose—St. Paul's Church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's Church.
Venango Furnace—St. James' Church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike Run township—St. Peter's Church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburgh—Christ Church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's Church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas' (African) Church, not in union with the Convention. Total, 104.

A LIST

Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY 19th, 1840.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, Deacon, Missionary at Red Bank and parts adjacent, Armstrong county.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Beaver Falls and St. Paul's Church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Charles W. Andrews, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles Breck, Deacon, Missionary at Wellsboborough, and parts adjacent, Tioga county.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county; and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Lev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county; and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William James Clark, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barré, Luzerne county.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thos. Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadvill, Crawford county.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh; and Missionary at other places in Columbia county.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Missionary at Honesdale and Bethany, Wayne county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, and Missionary at Manalen, Fayette county.

The Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Rector of Christ Church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. William Hilton, Missionary at St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. Charles Vernon Kelly, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, Missionary at Georgetown, Beaver county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, Missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county; and Pike, Bradford county.

The Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary at New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, Missionary at Danville, Columbia county; and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. John Linn McKim, Missionary at Carbondale, Luzerne county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, Missionary at Christ Church, Huntingdon; with Christ Church Chapel, Petersburgh, York Springs, Adams county.

The Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M D., Missionary at Waterford, Erie county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George W. Natt, Missionary at Belle-Fonte, and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county; and St. David's (Radnor) Church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Edward Waylen, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York county.

The Rev. William White, Missionary at Butler, Butler county, and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., Professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

LIST CONTINUED.

The Rev. Henry Brown, Deacon, Missionary at Lewistown, Mifflin county; and Thompsontown, Juniata county.

The Rev. Richard Frederick Burnham, Missionary at Yardleyville, and parts adjacent, Bucks county.

The Rev. Asa S. Colton, Missionary in the parts of Bucks county not organised into congregations.

The Rev. Horace L. Conolly, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Heman Dyer, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, Principal of an incorporated Academy, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Robert G. Hays, Deacon, Missionary at Towanda, and parts adjacent, Bradford county.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins, Missionary at Montrose, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Lewis Jansen, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George Kirke, Principal of an incorporated Seminary in Chester county.

The Rev. Edward N. Lightner. Deacon, Missionary at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county.

The Rev. John J. McElhinny, Deacon, Missionary at Uniontown, and Connelsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. Richard Newton, Deacon, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, Chester county.

The Rev. William H. Odenheimer, Deacon, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. Rees, Principal of an incorporated Academy, Westchester, Chester county.

The Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Minister of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county; St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berk's county, and St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester county.

The Rev. Enos Woodward, Deacon, Missionary at Allegheny-town, Allegheny county.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, near Gray's Ferry. Assistant Minister of St. James' (Swedes) Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Bryant, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of the (Swedes) Church, Gloria Dei, Southwark, Philadelphia; and of the other Swedes Churches.

The Rev. Christian F. Cruse, D. D., Professor in St. Paul's College, near Flushing, New York.

The Rev. William N. Diehl, Germantown, Assistant Minister of Christ (Swedes) Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Alexander F. Dobb, Deacon, Principal of St. James' Hall, near Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. William Douglass, (a coloured man,) Rector of St. Thomas' (African) Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. Samuel W. Hallowell, Deacon, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, teacher of the Hebrew language, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, Rector of St. Marks Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Amos D. McCoy, Assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Rice, M. D., Deacon, Professor in the Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Northampton county.

The Rev, Peter Van Pelt, Philadelphia, Secretary to the Board of Missions to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Thomas West, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.

The foregoing list, containing the names of ninety-seven clergymen, is corrected to this date.

In conformity with Canon xiv. Sect. 1.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philad. May 19th, 1840.

MEMORANDUM.

The fifty-eight clergymen first named in this List, are entitled to seats in the Convention on May 19th, 1840.

The seventeen clergymen first named in the "List Continued," will be entitled to seats in the Convention, in May, 1841, or previously, if they remain in their respective stations, or take such others as are recognised in the Constitution.

H. U. O.

1839			
May 16	To cash paid W. Hoyland's bill for attending on Standing Committee,		13 25
24	To cash paid to the Rev. Dr. Upfold, expenses as Delegate to General Convention 1838,		45 50
"	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their actual expenses in attending Convention, viz:		
	Rev. Thomas Crumpton,	27 50	
	George Kirke,	1 00	
	John Rogers,	4 00	
	W. E. Franklin,	8 00	
	R. U. Morgan,	3 00	
	E. Y. Buchanan,	2 50	
	Geo. Upfold,	22 50	
	Wm. White,	22 50	
	A. Miller,	3 50	
	Geo. Mintzer,	2 00	
	L. N. Freeman,	25 00	
	G. C. Drake,	10 00	
	S. T. Lord,	12 00	
	Isaac Smith,	24 00	
	Wm. Adderly,	8 00	
	A. Louderback,	8 50	
	Wm. Hilton,	2 00	
	Freeman Lane,	12 50	
			198 50
June 5	To cash paid Secretary of Convention, postage account,		5 00
	Secretary, sundries for use of Convention,		1 81
	Sexton of St. Andrew's Church, for services at and articles furnished the Convention,		18 25
7	J. Harding's bill printing Bishop Onderdonk's charge, June 1838,		90 54
25	J. Harding on account of printing the Journal of Convention for 1838,		66 62
1840			
Jan. 1	Hooker & Co. for sundries for Convention,		2 00
Feb. 6	the Secretary, account of postages and box for papers, &c.		6 77
	Amount carried forward,		$448 24

Penn. in account with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1839				
May 7	By balance of former account,			$85 19
21	By cash received of Grace church, Philadelphia,			32 16
	St. Andrew's Yardleyville,	5 75		
	St. Mark's, New Milford,	4 65		
	Christ, Pottstown,	1 66		
	St. James', Muncy,	5 00		
	Calvary, Rockdale,	5 00		
	St. James', Perkiomen,	5 41		
	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,	4 48		
	St. Peter's, Beaver Falls,	3 00		
	St. Paul's, Beaver Co.	2 50		
	All Saints', Moyamensing,	4 67		
	St. Thomas', Morgantown,	1 21		
	Christ, Meadville,	7 67		
	St. Paul's, Kittanning,	3 50		
	St. John's, Pequea,	5 00		
	Christ, Lacock,	3 00		
	Trinity, Pittsburg,	33 40		
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	21 00		
	Bybery Parish, Wayne co.	5 00		
	St. James', Lancaster,	14 25		
	Trinity, Easton,	5 00		
	Christ, Reading,	5 00		
	St. John's, Carlisle,	5 00		
	St. Martin's, Marcus-Hook,	5 00		
	St. Peter's, Butler,	5 00		
	Trinity, Freeport,	3 50		
	Grace, Hulmeville,	1 35		
	St. David's, Newtown,	1 50		
	Trinity, Pottsville,	5 00		
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,	4 23		
	St. Mark's, Lewistown,	5 00		
	St. Mary's, Chester co.	1 87		
	St. John's, Norristown,	14 04		
	Christ church, Brownsville,	10 00		
	St. Matthew's, Francisville,	5 00		
	Christ church, Greensburg,	4 56		
May 22	St. Luke's, Germantown,	10 00		
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	1 75		
	All Saint's & Emanuel Chapel,	7 00		
	Trinity church, Oxford,	5 69		
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,	10 00		
	St. Paul's, West Whiteland,	4 25		
	St. Andrew's, Springville,	1 30		
	St. Matthew's, Pike,	3 70		
				260 62
	Amount carried over,			377 97

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant E. Church in Penn.

1840		
	To amount brought forward,	448 24
April 7	Balance,	24 53
		472 77

Dr. Convention of the Protestant E. Church, in Penn.

1840		
May 12	To balance in the Treasury,	108 50
		$108 50

in account with Tobias Wagner Treasurer. *Cr.*

1839		
June 4	By amount brought forward,	377 97
23	By cash received of Ascension church, Philadelphia,	13 00
Aug. 7	Christ church, do.	50 00
Sept. 17	Christ Church, Danville, St. Matthew's, Sunbury,	10 75
	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	21 05
		472 77
1840		
April 7	By balance,	24 53

Errors Excepted.

TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account, and found it correct.

HENRY J. MORTON, PHILIP H. NICKLIN, } Committee.

April 7, 1840.

in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1840		
April 8	By cash received from T. Wagner, Esq. late Treasurer,	24 53
28	Grace church, Philadelphia,	43 97
May 11	St. Andrew's, do	40 00
		108 50
May 12	By balance in the Treasury,	108 50

Philadelphia, May 12, 1840.

Errors Excepted.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account, and find it correct.

H. W. DUCACHET, JAMES S. SMITH, } Committee.

May 19, 1840.

Dr. Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in

1839 June 6	To cash paid Messrs Davidsons, for $230 of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock, redeemable in 1860, at par.	$ 230 00
Sept. 26	To cash paid Messrs. Davidsons for $100 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. Stock, redeemable in 1858, and $20 75, do., redeemable in 1854, making together, $120 75 a 88 p. c.	106 26
	To cash paid to the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the amount of the dividend on $16,763 47, 5 per cent. stock of the State of Penn., received in August, 1839,	419 00
1840 Feb. 5	To amount paid to the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, a check received from the Bank of Pennsylvania, payable in current notes, for six months' dividend on $16,884 22 of 5 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania,	422 11
May 5	Balance,	73 26
		$1250 72

The undersigned appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account, and found the same correct. They have also examined the certificates of Stock in which the Fund is invested, and found the sum amounts to sixteeen thousand eight hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-two cents. ($16,884 22.)

THOMAS ROBINS, }
HENRY J. MORTON, } Committee.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1840.

account with Philip H. Nicklin, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1839			
May 1	By balance from last year's account,		37
22	By cash received at Convention, from		
	St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,	3 33	
	St. James', Perkiomen,	6 14	
	St. Thomas', Morgantown,	2 89	
	St. David's, Newtown township, Delaware co.	5 75	
	St. Mary's, Chester county,	3 67	
	St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester county,	2 77	
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,	4 00	
	Christ church, Reading,	8 00	
	Trinity church, Pittsburgh;	36 70	
	St. James', Lancaster,	16 00	
	Trinity church, Pottsville,	20 33	
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	5 00	
	All Saint's church & Emanuel Chapel,	17 60	
	Trinity church, Oxford,	5 67	
	Christ church, Leacock,	6 58	
	St. John's, Pequea,	3 12	
			147 55
25	Grace church, Philadelphia,	32 16	
	St. James' do.	58 38	
			90 54
Sept. 21	Christ church, do.		50 00
24	St. Stephen's do.		50 00
Oct. 8	St. Paul's church, Erie,		9 58
12	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,		17 51
	By six month's dividend on $16,763 47 of Pennsylvania 5 per cent stock, received in August, 1839,		419 09
1840			
Feb. 5	By six month's dividend on $16,884 20, of 5 per cent. Stock of the State of Pennsylvania, received from the Bank of Pennsylvania, in a check payable in current notes,		422 11
April 28	By Grace church, Philadelphia,		43 97
			$1250 72
May 5	By balance in Treasurer's hands,		73 26

PHILIP H. NICKLIN,

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Tuesday, May 12th, 1840.

Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, presented to the Diocesan Convention, in May, 1840.

Stock Bought for the Episcopal Fund.

1839. June 6, $230 Penn. 5 per cent. stock, redeemable in 1860, at par, $230

1839. September 26, $100 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. stock redeemable in 1858, and $20,75, redeemable in 1854, making together $120,75, at 88 per cent. $106 26

Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale, James S. Smith, and Philip H. Nicklin, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Received Payment,

WM. DAVIDSON & SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested in five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time, to Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents, in said Stock, and Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents in Cash.

JOHN READ,
JAMES S. SMITH,
PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia, May 12th, 1840.

Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Amount of five per cent. Stock of the State of Pennsylvania,	$16,884 22
Cash in the Bank of North America,	73 26
Due from the Commonwealth,	79
	$17,036 48

The last item arises from the depreciation of the Bank money, in which the following payments of interest were made, viz:

In August, 1837,	$397 55	
Depreciation 8½ per cent.		$33 79
In February, 1838,	$397 55	
Depreciation 5 per cent.		19 88
In February, 1840,	$422 11	
Depreciation 6 per cent.		25 33
		$79 00

Although this item of $79 does not appear to my debit as Treasurer, because my account has been necessarily kept in Bank money; it is nevertheless my duty to notice it, inasmuch as the Legislature has acknowledged the indebtedness of the Commonwealth to the Loanholders, who have been obliged to receive depreciated Bank money instead of lawful currency for interest due on State Loans, to the amount of the depreciation of such Bank money, at the times the interest became due.

PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia, May 12th, 1840.

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OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

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HELD IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, HARRISBURG,

On Tuesday, May 18, Wednesday, May 19, and Thursday, May 20, 1841.

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1841.

RESIDENCES OF THE CITY CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. resides in south 14th street, east side, one door below Locust.
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. No. 92 Union street.
Rev. Charles H. Alden, No. 6 Portico Square, Spruce street, Principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies.
Rev. Thomas G. Allen, No. 14 Jefferson Row, Lombard street, west of Eighth street, City Missionary.
Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's, N. L. resides near the first turnpike gate, Frankford Road.
Rev. Thomas Breintnall, north Tenth street, near Poplar Lane.
Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Church, resides near Gray's Ferry.
Rev. William Bryant, No. 1 north Eleventh street, Teacher.
Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, No. 33 Sansom street.
Rev. John C. Clay, Rector of the Swedish Church, resides in Swanson street, adjoining Weccacoe Church.
Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, resides in 11th street, first door below Lombard street.
Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, resides No. 140 Queen street.
Rev. Robert Davis, at the south-east corner of 11th and Market streets.
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, resides in Arch street above Fourth.
Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, in Marshall street, near Green.
Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, No. 5 Union Place.
Rev. Richard D. Hall, resides north 6th street, near Wood.
Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Catharine below Seventh Street.
Rev. William P. Hinds, Spruce street, near Broad.
Rev. Herman Hecker, north-west corner of Chesnut and 5th streets.
Rev. Joseph Jaquett, No. 129 south 6th street, Teacher of Hebrew.
Rev. Jno. J. Kerr, Minister of Advent Church, N. L.
Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington.
Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, resides in Filbert street, below 10th, south side.
Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, York Court, below Third street.
Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pine street, near Third.
Rev. Mr. Quinan, Rector of St. Mark's and All Saints' Churches, Mayamensing.
Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, resides No. 65, north Twelfth street.
Rev. W. W. Spear, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Thirteenth above Pine street.
Rev. James H. Tyng, No. 485 Chesnut street.
Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, No. 477 Walnut street, west of Broad.
Rev. Peter Van Pelt, No. 315 Chesnut street.
Rev. Charles Williams, resides in Spruce street, above Broad, south side.
Rev. James Wiltbank, Arch street near 9th, north side.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES ARE HELD

In St. Andrew's Church, on the *first* Sunday evening of every month.
In Grace Church, on the second Sunday evening.
In St. Stephen's Church, on the *third* Sunday evening.
In the Church of the Ascension on the *third* Sunday evening.
In the Church of the Epiphany, on the *last* Sunday evening, which is the third or fifth Sunday as it may be.
The Churches of Trinity, and of the Evangelists, and Zion Church, are open every Sunday night.

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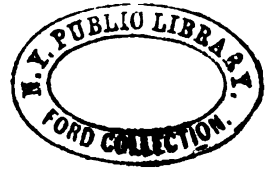

ROLL

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
*Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D.D.
William Adderly,
F. W. Beasely,
S. Bowman,
G. Boyd, D. D.
Charles Breck,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
R. F. Burnham,
*J. A. Clark, D. D.
J. B. Clemson,
John Coleman,
Thomas Crumpton,
Robert Davis,
B. Dorr, D. D.
*J. M. Douglas,
G. C. Drake,
Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.
*Heman Dyer,
W. E. Franklin,
L. N. Freeman,
*J. R. Goodman,
Rev. P. H. Greenleaf,
Richard D. Hall,
William Hilton,
*G. P. Hopkins,
L. Jansen,
C. V. Kelly,
Freeman Lane,
Alfred Lee,
E. N. Lightner,
S. T. Lord,
A. Louderback,
*J. L. McKim,
J. H. Marsden,
*J. Gordon Maxwell,
*James May, D. D.
T. H. Michell,
Alfred A. Miller,
George Mintzer,
R. U. Morgan,
H. J. Morton,
G. W. Natt,
Richard Newton,
W. H. Odenheimer,
Willie Peck,

*Rev. W. S. Perkins,
*W. H. Rees,
G. W. Ridgley,
J. Rodney,
J. M. Rogers,
O. A. Shaw,
George Sheets,
N. Stem,
Rev. William Suddards,
*M. R. Talbot,
*S. H. Tyng, D. D.
G. Upfold, D. D.
W. White,
*B. Wilson, D. D.
*J. Wiltbank,
Enos Woodward.—63.

N. B. Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Thomas Allibone,
J. T. Adams,
Hamilton Aldrichs,
Horace Binney,
*John Beatty,
Lewis Brinton,
*T. K. Bull,
*Charles N. Bancker,
*Frederick D. Baker,
*Thomas Bradford,
*Alexander Brown,
J. G. Campbell,
D. B. Carter,
D. M. Curry,
*Benjamin Chew,
J. M. Cogley,
William Casselberry,
Thomas Dunlap,
Samuel Davis,
Edward Davies,
*Isaac Davis,
Anthony Elton,
*Henry Eckhard,
W. Cox Ellis,
*John Fronfield,
*Henry G. Freeman,
Frederick Fisher,
John Farr,
Edward Garrigues, jr.
*John D. George,
Robert Coleman Hall,
Thomas G. Henderson,
E. P. Hughes,
*Amos S. Henderson,
*James Y. Humphreys,
R. C. Hale,
*Alexander Henderson,
James T. Hale,
*John M. Hale,
*Joseph R. Ingersoll,
Thomas B. Jacobs,
*Benjamin Jackson,
William Kirkham,
*William H. Klapp,
N. F. Lightner,
Mordecai D. Lewis,
Lawrence Lardner,
*John S. Littell,

*Peter Lehman,
*John Lightner,
William Musgrave,
Edwin Mendenhall,
William H. Newbold,
Philip H. Nicklin,
Isaac B. Parker,
*George H. Potts,
*Edward Owen Parry,
Thomas Robins,
Clement S. Rutter,
*Thomas Robinson,
*Phineas Roberts,
Milton Smith,
James S. Smith,
William Stavely,
*George M. Stroud,
*John Shannon,
*Samuel Shafer,
*William Stratford,
*Jacob Swisher,
Robert Toland,
G. M. Wharton,
*Thomas J. Wharton,
William Welsh,
John Welsh, jr.
Peter Williamson,
Tobias Wagner,
*Frederick Watts,
*Joseph P. Wood,
*George Wymes,
George R. White,
*Thomas Williams.—81.

N. B. The Lay Deputies who did not answer to their names, are marked in the above List thus *.

Roll of Churches and their Deputies, 1841.

Trinity church, Pittsburg, Alleghany county. George R. White, Thomas Williams, Alexander Henderson.

Christ church, Alleghany, Alleghany county. D. M. Curry.

Trinity church, Centreville, Bucks county. William Stavely.

St. John's church, Bellefonte, Centre county. James T. Hale, John M. Hale.

St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal township, Chester county. T. K. Bull, Phineas Roberts, Samuel Shafer.

St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county. Thomas G. Henderson, Frederick D. Baker, Amos S. Henderson,

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county. Isaac Davis.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county. Edwin Mendenhall.

Church of Holy Trinity, West Chester, Chester county. Lewis Brinton.

St. Peter's church, Phœnixville, Chester county. Edward Garrigues, jr.

Christ church, Madison, Jerseytown, Columbia county. Jacob Swisher.

St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county. Isaac Brown Parker, Robert Coleman Hall, Frederick Watts.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county. E. P. Hughes, J. T. Adams, Hamilton Aldrichs.

Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county. John Lightner, Henry Eckhard, Nathaniel F. Lightner.

Bangor church, Churchtown, Caernarvon Township, Lancaster county. Edward Davies, Thomas B. Jacobs.

St. James' church, Muncey, Lycoming county. W. Cox Ellis.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county. R. C. Hale, J. M. Cogley, William Stratford.

St. James' church, Perkiomen Township, Montgomery county. John Fronfield, William Casselberry.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county. John Shannon.

Christ church, Philadelphia city. Horace Binney, Philip H. Nicklin, James Y. Humphreys.

St. Peters' church, Philadelphia. Joseph R. Ingersoll, James S. Smith, John Welsh, jr.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. D. B. Carter, G. M. Wharton, Robert Toland.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John Farr, John D. George.

St. Stephens' church, Philadelphia. Thomas I. Wharton, Charles N. Bancker, William Kirkham.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Thomas Robins, Thomas Allibone, Samuel Davis.

Grace church, Philadelphia. William H. Newbold, Anthony Elton, Joseph P. Wood.

Church of Epiphany, Philadelphia. William Musgrave.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. Thomas Dunlap, William Welsh, Mordecai D. Lewis.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia county. Thomas Bradford, George Wymes, Frederic Fisher.

Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia county. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, William H. Klapp.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county. George M. Stroud, Thomas Robinson, John Beatty.

All Saints church. Lower Dublin township, Philadelphia county. Lawrence Lardner, Alexander Brown.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county. Benjamin Chew, Benjamin Jackson, John S. Littell.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia, Philadelphia county. Peter Lehman, Henry G. Freeman, Milton Smith.

St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county. Tobias Wagner.

St. Luke's church and Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county. George H. Potts, Edward Owen Parry.

St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county. J. G. Campbell.

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HARRISBURG, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 18th, 1841, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and lay deputies, attended at St. Stephen's Church.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names.

Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. Wm. Adderly,
Frederick W. Beasely,
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd, D. D.
Charles Breck,
Edward Y. Buchanan,
Levi Bull,
Richard F Burnham,
John B. Clemson,
John Coleman,
Robert Davis,
Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.
Lyman N. Freeman,
Patrick H. Greenleaf,
Richard D. Hall,
Rev. William Hilton,
Lewis Jansen,
Charles V. Kelly,
Alfred Lee,
Edwin N. Lightner,
John H. Marsden,
Tobias H. Michell,
Alfred A. Miller,
Henry J. Morton,
Wm. H. Odenheimer,
Willie Peck,
G. W. Ridgley,
John Rodney,
Joshua M. Rogers,
Oliver A. Shaw,
George Sheets,
Nathan Stem,
William Suddards.—35.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats.

Thomas Allibone,
J. T. Adams,

Hamilton Aldrichs,
Horace Binney,
Lewis Brinton,
J. G. Campbell,
D. M. Curry,
Thomas Dunlap,
Samuel Davis,
Edward Davies,
Anthony Elton,
W. Cox Ellis,
Edward Garrigues, Jr.
Robert Coleman Hall,
Thos. G. Henderson,
E. P. Hughes,
Thomas B. Jacobs,
William Kirkham,
N. F. Lightner,
Mordecai D. Lewis.
Lawrence Lardner,
William Musgrave,
Edwin Mendenhall,
William H. Newbold,
Philip H. Nicklin,
Isaac Brown Parker,
Thomas Robins,
Clement S. Rutter,
Milton Smith,
James S. Smith,
William Stavely,
Robert Toland,
G. M. Wharton,
William Welsh,
John Welsh, Jr.
Peter Williamson,
Tobias Wagner.—37.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary;—Messrs. Rodney and Suddards, being appointed Tellers on the part of the clergy to receive their votes, and Messrs. Henderson and Lardner tellers to receive the votes of the laity. The tellers having reported that George M. Wharton, a lay deputy from St. James's Church, Philadelphia, had received a majority of the votes of both orders, he was declared elected accordingly, as the Secretary of the Convention.

The following rules of order were then read by the Secretary from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and

without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

The house shall hold two sessions every day, viz: from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M., provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning, until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half-past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England, or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church, as may be now in the Borough of Harrisburg, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Bishop laid upon the table the official list of all the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, corrected up to this day.

A list of the clergy absent at the last Convention was called over, agreeably to Canon 14, Sec. 5; when the Rev.

Messrs. Adderly, Breck, Greenleaf, Hall, Michell and Sheets, being present, answered to their names, and severally offered their apologies for their absence.

The Convention then adjourned.

GEORGE M. WHARTON, Secretary.

HARRISBURG, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
Wednesday, May 19th, 1841, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Breck, who read the lessons. The antecommunion was read by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Rector of the Church, who read the epistle; and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Clemson; after which the Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Kelly, Buchanan and Breck. The Convention was called to order after service. The Secretary stated that the Rev. Mr. Morton had acceded to his request to act as Assistant Secretary. The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday, P. M. were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Crumpton, Drake, Lane, Lord, Louderback, Mintzer, Morgan, Natt, Upfold, White and Woodward.

Mr. D. B. Carter, a lay deputy not present yesterday, and entitled to a seat, appeared and took his seat; and the following deputies presented their certificates, answered to their names, and took their seats; viz: Messrs. R. C. Hale, J. M. Cogley, George R. White, John Farr and William Casselberry.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address, as follows.

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN—THE CLERICAL AND THE LAY MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION:

Through the kind providence of God, we are again assembled to discharge our duty towards the portion of his kingdom

which we represent. We have cause for gratitude that the diocese is increasing in strength, though not so rapidly as we desire; the deep-rooted sectarian feeling of many in this State, and the ignorance of our language of many more, precluding almost utterly all inquiry into our doctrines and institutions. Still, our church is on the growth. And we are preparing, I trust, for the greater success of a future generation.

It gives me pleasure to state that three Bishops have been consecrated for other dioceses since we last met; the Right Rev. Christopher Edwards Gadsden, D. D. for the diocese of South Carolina; the Right Rev. William Rollinson Whitting ham, D. D. for the diocese of Maryland; and the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D. for the diocese of Georgia. I was not present at either of the consecrations; but the new diocesans have my best wishes and prayers for their success and happiness in their arduous vocation.

Of the occurrences in this diocese falling under my cognisance, I make, in conformity with Canon VII. of 1835, the following statement.

I have *preached* usually twice, and occasionally three times, on every Sunday and principal Holyday, including three Sundays spent in Delaware; except New Year's day, and also on Sunday and Ash Wednesday, when I was compelled to break engagements in Philadelphia, by the extreme illness of a very near relation in the country. In our churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have preached 63 times.

In May last, I preached at Concord, and at Rockdale. In June, at Lewistown; at Belle Fonte, three times; at Philipsburg, twice; at Huntingdon, twice; again at Lewistown, three times; and at Thompsontown. In July, at Reading, twice; at Pottstown, twice; and at West Chester, three times. In August, at Hollidaysburg, twice; at Allegheny, twice; in St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh; at Beaver Falls, twice; in St. Paul's, Beaver county; at Georgetown; at Blairsville, twice; at Freeport, twice; in September, on the same journey, at Kittanning, three times; at Red Bank; at Wayne Township; at Butler, three times; at Mercer, twice; at Franklin; at Meadville, four times; at Erie, twice; at Waterford, twice; in Trinity church, Pittsburgh, twice; at Laceyville; at Pike Run; at Brownsville, twice; at Manalen; at Uniontown, twice; at Connelsville, twice; and at Greensburgh, three

times. In October, at Norristown, twice; at Harrisburgh, twice; at York, three times; at Petersburgh, twice; in Christ church, Adams county; and at Carlisle, twice. In November, at Whitemarsh; and at Germantown. In December, at Norristown, three times. In April, at Concord. In the present month, at Bristol. On Sunday before last, I preached at Hamiltonville; and at Francisville. On last Sunday, at Pequea, and Leacock. And yesterday morning, in this church.

I have administered the *Lord's Supper* 25 times in this diocese, including all the public occasions; besides two administrations of it in private to sick persons. I have officiated at several *funerals* for my Rev. brethren, who will make the canonical report. I have *baptized* two adults and twenty-five children. And I have solemnized eleven *marriages*. My legal *record* of baptisms and marriages is in the Parish Register of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

The ordinance of *Confirmation* I have administered, in our congregations, 53 times; and in two of the Swedes churches; in all, 55 times. At Rockdale, I confirmed 25 persons; at Belle Fonte, 9; at Philipsburg, 6; at Huntingdon, one, from Hollidaysburgh; at Lewistown, 5; at Reading, 5; at Pottstown, 2; at West Chester, 8; in St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh, 13; at Allegheny, 11; at Beaver Falls, 2; in St. Paul's, Beaver County, 16; at Georgetown, 1; at Freeport, 7; at Kittanning, 6; at Red Bank, 9; at Wayne township, at Butler, 2; at Mercer, 3: at Meadville, 6, and again 2, total, 8; at Erie, 4; in Trinity church, Pittsburgh, 36; at Brownsville, 4; at Manalen, 5; at Connelsville, 2; at Greensburgh, 1; at Harrisburgh, 5; at York, 7; at Carlisle, 13; at Norristown, 4; at Bristol, 13; at Francisville, 7; at Piquea, 15; at Leacock, 10.

In the churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have confirmed, as follows:—in St. Thomas' Church, 11 persons; in the Church of the Ascension, 19; in the Church of the Evangelists, 44, besides 8 of that congregation mentioned below; in Trinity Church, 59; in St. John's, 17; in St. Peter's, 21; in Emanuel Church, 11; in St. Stephen's, 11; in St. Paul's, 26; in St. James', 26; in St. Andrew's, 38; in Christ Church, 26; in the Church of the Epiphany, 43; in St. Luke's, 27, of whom 8 were from the Church of the Evangelists; in Grace Church, 49; in the congregation of St. Mark's, 5; in

the congregation of All Saints, 3; and in the congregation of Advent Church, 13.

In the *Swedes Church* at Kingsessing, I preached twice in August, and confirmed one person. In that at Upper Merion, I preached in October. And in Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, Philadelphia, I preached in February, and confirmed 13 persons.

During the past Convention year, I have *consecrated* two Churches. On Sunday, the 23rd of August, I consecrated St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh. This is a handsome and commodious building, and of good dimensions. And its erection is an honourable proof of the zeal of the congregation, as also of its late indefatigable rector, the Rev. C. W. Andrews. On Friday, the 16th of October, I consecrated St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia. This large and splendid structure owes its existence, under God, to the Christian liberality and heaven-born zeal and energy of a number of gentlemen of that city. Its ample area is rapidly filling up with settled worshippers; and that, with little or no diminution of the other congregations; so that we derive from this accession to our city churches, not only expansion, but positive and clear increase. And it is gratifying to know that the same liberality and energy turned immediately from the completion of this good work to the commencement of another; calling me, on the afternoon of that day, to lay the corner stone of St. Philip's Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia. "May God remember" all his willing servants "for good!"

Besides St. Philip's Church, Spring Garden, the laying of the corner stone of which, on October 16th, has just been mentioned, there are *churches erecting*, not before reported, at the following places—in Allegheny city, a good sized and handsome brick edifice, nearly ready for consecration; at Uniontown; and at Troy, Bradford county.

The Church at Norristown has been greatly improved in the interior; and the tower has been heightened, and has a good bell. The Church at Kensington has been much enlarged and improved.

I again record, with sincere gratitude, my acknowledgment of the kind and affectionate hospitality every where rendered me, in my wide range of duty.

The *ordinations* I have held since we last met, are as follows:—

On Sunday, July 5th, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. William White Bronson, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 12th, in Christ Church, Reading, I admitted Mr. George Burcker, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 19th, at an ordination in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, Bishop Moore (at my request,) admitted his relative, Mr. Gregory Thurston Bedell, to the holy order of Deacons, and I admitted Mr. Robert Bethell Claxton to the same holy order. Bishop Moore was kind enough also to preach on the occasion.

On Sunday, July 26th, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, I admitted the Rev. Richard Newton, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Saturday, August 22nd, in the temporary place of worship of our congregation in Allegheny city, I admitted the Rev. Joseph Adderly, and the Rev. Enos Woodward, deacons, to the holy order of Priests. Mr. Woodward is the minister of the parish.

On Wednesday, September 16th, in Christ Church, Meadville, I admitted Mr. John P. Hosmer, and Mr. William M. Burton, (lately a Methodist minister,) to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, December 6th, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Robert Bethell Claxton, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, January 10th, in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Erastus B. Foot, (of the diocese of Delaware,) and the Rev. William White Bronson, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, February 7th, in the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. William P. Saunders to the holy order of Deacons; and the Rev. Samuel W. Hallowell, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Wednesday, April 7th, in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. William Sydney Walker to the holy order of Deacons.

Yesterday, in this Church, I admitted the Rev. Charles Breck, the Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, the Rev. John P. Hosmer, and the Rev. William M. Burton, deacons, to the holy order of Priests.

I *instituted* the Rev. William W. Spear into the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, the 8th of November.

Before stating the changes which have taken place among the clergy of this diocese, I record with gratitude to God, in which I know that you all unite with me, that, through His benign providence, none have been removed from us by death.

Letters of Dismission have been granted by me, as follows:—to the Rev. Amos D. M'Coy, to the diocese of Massachusetts—to the Rev. Henry Brown, and the Rev. William James Clark, to that of Maryland—to the Rev. Robert G. Hays, to that of Alabama—to the Rev. F. H. L. Laird, to the jurisdiction of Bishop Kemper—to the Rev. A. F. Dobb, to the diocese of Kentucky—to the Rev. W. P. Saunders, to the diocese of Tennessee.

Letters of Dismission have been accepted by me, as follows—on August 15th, in behalf of the Rev. William W. Spear, from Bishop Gadsden—on September 12th, in behalf of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, from Bishop De Lancey—on September 29th, in behalf of the Rev. Samuel Buel, from Bishop M'Coskry—on October 30th, in behalf of the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, from Bishop Brownell—on November 3rd, in behalf of the Rev. Joseph M. Brown, from Bishop Griswold—on December 12th, in behalf of the Rev. Thomas H. Quinan, from Bishop Whittingham—on April 26th, in behalf of the Rev. William Preston, from Bishop M'Ilvaine.

The Rev. Mr. Spear is the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Mr. Newton is the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. May; and is succeeded at West Chester by the Rev. Mr. Bedell. The Rev. Mr. Kerr officiates for the congregation of Advent Church, Philadelphia, having resigned St. Mark's; of which latter congregation, and that of All Saints, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Conolly, the Rev. Mr. Quinan has charge. The Rev. Mr. Bronson is the Rector of St. Mark's, Lewistown. The Rev. Mr. Claxton is the Rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarré. The Rev. Mr. Burcker is the Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, and St. Gabriel's, Douglassville; the Rev. Mr. Shaw having resigned these two parishes. The Rev. Mr. Stratton is the Rector of St. John's, Concord. The Rev. Mr. Ridgley is the Rector of Trinity Church, Centreville, and has resigned St. Luke's, Newtown;

where he is succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Burnham, who also has St. Andrew's, Yardleyville. The Rev. Mr. Waylen has resigned St. John's, York, where he is succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Marsden. The Rev. Mr. Diehl has resigned part of his duty as Assistant Minister to the Swedes Churches, and does missionary duty in St. Thomas', Whitemarsh. The Rev. Mr. M'Elhinny has resigned his charge at Uniontown and Connelsville, on account of ill health. The Rev. Mr. Andrews has resigned St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh; where he is succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Preston. The Rev. Mr. Hosmer is the Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Crumpton, who is the Rector of St. John's, Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh. The Rev. Mr. Burton officiates in Hollidaysburgh and Bedford. The Rev. Mr. Colton has resigned his mission in Bucks county. The Rev. Mr. Tullidge is the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie. The Rev. Mr. Kirke has resumed his former mission at New London ⋈ Roads and West Marlborough. The mission of the Rev. Mr. Hopkins is transferred from Montrose to Tioga county. The Rev. Joseph Adderly has resigned his mission at Red Bank and Wayne Township. The Rev. Mr. Drake has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Bloomsburgh, but not his mission in other parts of Columbia county. The Rev. Mr. Harrison has resigned his mission. The Rev. Mr. Hilton has resigned St. Peters', Great Valley, where he is succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Peck.

There are in this diocese 26 *candidates for Holy Orders;* and I now lay upon the Secretary's table the list of them. On July 7th, I admitted to the candidateship William Henry Bournes; on August 4th, Henry T. Hiester; on October 7th, George G. Field; on November 3d, Samuel P. Nash, and Thomas Coffin Yarnall; on January 5th, Richard M. Abercrombie; on April 6th, George B. Dennison, Henry L. Dennison, Peter Russell, and Charles Rockland Thomson. On the 3d of April, I received from Bishop Moore a transfer to this diocese of Mr. Owen Evans Shannon, a candidate for Orders, who had been admitted in the diocese of Virginia, on October 19th, 1839.

The rule for granting leave of absence from the State, under Article 4, of the Constitution of the diocese, not being in all points clear, I have brought the subject under the notice of my Council of Advice; and, in conformity with

their recommendation, I shall be guided, in that branch of my administration, by the following principles. 1. A sick clergyman has the right to be absent from the diocese more than two calender months in any one year, for the benefit of his health, without leave of absence, and without losing his seat in the Convention; but he must satisfy the Bishop, or the Convention, of the fact of his sickness and need of absence therefore. 2. A clergyman having leave of absence from the State for a given time, is entitled to the further absence of "two calender months," without losing his seat in the Convention. 3. Clergymen of adequate pecuniary means, having seats in the Convention, are not entitled to leave of absence, to attend to secular business out of the diocese systematically, i. e. otherwise than for single occasions. 4. Poor clergymen, having seats in the Convention, may have leave of absence for more than the "two calender months" in a year, but not year by year, for attending systematically to secular business out of the diocese: such clergymen, therefore, having leave of absence to this effect in any one year, are not to expect it in the year following. 5. A clergyman who retains a seat in the Convention from being "of advanced years or infirm health," if absent from the State without leave, more than "two calendar months in any one year," loses his seat in the Convention ensuing; unless the absence were for the benefit of his health, as under the first head. 6. A clergyman retaining a seat as just mentioned, but losing it in a given Convention from being absent from the State without leave, regains it in a subsequent Convention, if he has not been absent from the State without leave, more than "two calendar months" in the year preceding. My thanks are due to the Council of Advice for aiding me in the exercise of my discretion in these sometimes difficult and even delicate cases. And should there, at any time, be an error of judgment in this branch of my administration, the Convention have the power of rectifying it, by determining whether any clergyman concerned has, or has not, the constitutional right to a seat and a vote in their deliberations.

Unless otherwise instructed, I shall regard these rules as going into effect from the date of this Convention. And to that date, the Rev. R. Davis and the Rev. Dr. May have been allowed leave of absence.

The missionary operations of the diocese were committed,

by the Convention of 1812, and again by that of 1829, to our Society for the Advancement of Christianity, "under the sanction and direction of the ecclesiastical authority." And the operations of the Society have been of great and permanent advantage to the diocese. The more I have learned, whether from personal observation, or the information of others, of the ignorance concerning the Church, or of the bigoted and unyielding opposition to it, on the part of large portions of the population of this State, the more I am convinced that our Society for Advancement has had, on the whole, wonderful success. The blessing of the HEAD of the Church has been with it. Nor, I trust, will that blessing fail, if we sustain it in faith, by our prayers, by our efforts, and, what only will prove our faith sincere and our prayers genuine, by our liberal pecuniary contributions. Its opportunity of usefulness is annually widening; and proportionally, at least, should increase the funds placed at its disposal by the friends of Zion.

On the anniversary of the Society, the festival of the Epiphany, the yearly business was transacted in St. James' Church, Philadelphia. But that evening being tempestuous, the principal religious services and the sermon were reserved for the Sunday evening following, January 10th, in Grace Church; when the Rev. Mr. Suddards was the preacher.

The missionaries now employed by the Society are 23 in number. Their names, and the places where they officiate, are as in the following list. Some of the missionaries reported at the anniversary meeting of the Society, have since resigned or left the diocese; and their places are not yet supplied.

The Rev. William Adderly, at Beaver Falls, and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Charles Breck, at Wellsborough, and parts adjacent, Tioga county.

The Rev. Samuel Buel, at Schuylkill Haven and Minersville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. Richard F. Burnham, at Newtown and Yardleyville, Bucks county.

The Rev. William M. Burton, at Hollidaysburgh, Huntingdon county, and Bedford, Bedford county.

The Rev. William N. Diehl, at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, at Sugarloaf and Jerseytown, Columbia county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, who is Rector of Christ church, Brownsville, at Manalen, Fayette county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, at Honesdale, and parts adjacent, Wayne county.

The Rev. William Hilton, at West Whiteland, Chester county.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins, in Tioga county.

The Rev. George Kirke, at New London ⋈ Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county.

The Rev. Edward N. Lightner, at Muncy, Williamsport, &c., Lycoming county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, at Danville, Columbia county, and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, who is Rector of St. John's church, York, at Christ church, and Christ church chapel, Adams county.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, at Waterford, Erie county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. John L. M'Kim, at Carbondale, Luzerne county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. George W. Natt, at Belle Fonte and Philipsburgh, Centre county.

The Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, at Phœnixville, Chester county.

The Rev. William White, at Butler, Butler county, and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Enos Woodward, at Allegheny city.

Under the care of the Education Committee of the Society for Advancement, there are seven beneficiaries; one of whom is in Washington College, and four in the General Theological Seminary. In this branch of its useful and always practical labours, the Society has an additional claim to the generosity of the Episcopalians of this diocese.

The Female Episcopal Tract Society, auxiliary to the Society for Advancement, is entitled to much greater liberality than it has yet received. Its tracts are the means of doing much good.

The Bishop White Prayer Book Society perseveres in its efforts to diffuse our valuable Liturgy throughout the diocese, and the United States, and also sends not a few abroad; it has never yet received a patronage at all commensurate with its wants and its merit. And the Prayer Book Society of the Ladies is equally untiring in distributing copies of a larger type, and for accuracy, not approached by any edition whatever in the country; I commend also this laudable association to the increased bounty of the church.

As the general Sunday School business is concentrated in the Board at New York, our diocesan Sunday School Society is relieved of some of its functions; what remain it continues to discharge with fidelity. The Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen is a valuable institution, too much neglected by our clergy and vestries.

I did not attend the meeting of the General Board of Missions. At that of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary I was present; and have to state, that, while constantly gratified at its continued usefulness, we have as constantly to lament the very insufficient contributions made for its support.

Before closing, I must add my deep regret, that, in too many cases, the support of our clergy receives no adequate attention from their parishes. The far greater portion of our people are either wealthy, or thriving in their respective occupations, and can afford to give in this service of God three or four times the amount they now give. I say this with confidence, regarding the matter in a merely secular view. But this is a low estimate of the duty, for it is a duty we owe to God; and faith, if it be pure and bright in our bosoms, will assure us that what we give to God will certainly redound to our advantage, here or hereafter: "whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother (much more his spiritual *father*) have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" There are pastors in this diocese who do not receive, from their parishes, enough to pay a common labourer for a half, or even a quarter of a year. There are other pastors, who hardly receive of their flocks, at the rate of a dollar a day; and this for the support of a family, who are expected to appear in society in a manner corresponding to the respectable position they fill. Let not these facts be questioned; for they are not stated upon

assumption, but after a sufficient and most painful investigation. And do our laity imagine that these things will not come into judgment? do they imagine that "the Lord" who ordained that "those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel," gave this command for christians to turn their backs upon, and treat it like an empty sound? O let them no longer be thus inconsiderate! He who is "yea and amen" in his promises, is "yea and amen" also in His requirements; and it is vain presumption to think that this portion of His law will not bring forward its condemnation in the last day. But I forbear. It affords me no gratification to speak with censure. Yet thus much I could not but say, in justice to many neglected servants of the Redeemer.

Brethren—Having no further statement of the affairs of the diocese to make to this Convention, I detain you no longer from your deliberations. May the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls vouchsafe to direct and bless you in them; and so order them, through the guidance of that Holy Spirit who presides in the Councils of His Church, that they shall tend to His glory, and the everlasting welfare of His people!

H. U. ONDERDONK.

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A Committee of six on charters was also appointed, viz:

The Rev. Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. James S. Smith,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Nicklin,
Mr. White,	Mr. Dunlap.

The minutes of the Standing Committee of the Diocese were laid on the table by its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Dorr. The annual accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Trustees of the same, were laid on the table, as was also the account of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

The foregoing accounts were respectively ordered to be printed with the Journal.

The Committee on the subject of the Swedes' Churches reported progress, and asked leave to be continued, which was granted.

Mr. Binney offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee shall annually, as soon after their appointment as may be convenient, choose two persons, who, with the Secretary of the Convention, shall

be a Committee of Records for the year: and their duty shall be to collect and to deposit in some secure place to be from time to time selected by the Standing Committee, *First*, all authentic papers, journals, and records of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, from the first organization of the church. *Secondly*, all such papers, journals and proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States in general Convention: and *Thirdly*, all such papers, journals and records concerning the Protestant Episcopal Church in the other dioceses. The said Committee shall annually report to the Standing Committee their proceedings, and a catalogue of their collections, and the Standing Committee shall communicate an abstract of the same, and the place of deposit, to the next Convention of this church.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Convention to procure a substantial blank book, to be lettered "Minutes of Convention," with a suitable Index, and to cause to be transcribed therein at the expense of Convention, the fair minutes of this Convention, at its present and all subsequent sittings, excluding parochial reports, and all other reports and papers not forming a part of the said minutes, nor directed by Convention to be entered therein, and to authenticate the said minutes with his signature. And it shall be his duty to hand over the said book to his successor in office.

The Rev. Dr. Dorr then presented the following report.

The committee appointed by the Convention of 1839, and continued at the last Convention, "to inquire into the practicability of devising means for the relief of clergymen of this diocese, prevented by physical inability from the discharge of their ministerial functions," respectfully report, that they have given to the subject their most careful consideration, and now take pleasure in recommending a plan, which promises to meet the important ends contemplated; and which, in its essential features, has been successfully introduced into the diocese of Western New York, at the suggestion of Bishop De Lancey. The plan is set forth in the following Resolutions, which the committee recommend for adoption by this Convention.

1. Resolved, That in order to create a fund for the purpose of relieving superanuated and infirm clergymen of this diocese, it be recommended to each clergyman having charge of a parish in the same, and to the wardens of the parish, where

there is no clergyman, to appropriate the communion collection made annually at Christmas, for the above object.

2. Resolved, That the fund thus created be denominated THE CHRISTMAS FUND FOR DISABLED CLERGYMEN IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

3. Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be the Treasurer of said fund, and that all contributions to it shall be forwarded to him, as soon after Christmas as practicable. The Treasurer shall report annually to the Convention the amount of monies received by him, and the disposition which has been made of them.

4. Resolved, That all appropriations shall be made by a committee of five laymen, to be appointed annually by the Convention, of whom the Treasurer shall be one; and the said committee shall make an annual report to the Convention of their proceedings.

5. Resolved, That no appropriation shall be made of more than $250 per annum, to any individual, and then only upon evidence satisfactory to the committee, that the individual is entitled to a seat in the Convention of the diocese, and is at the time disabled, by age or physical infirmity from being employed in performing the duties of his station.

BENJAMIN DORR,
HENRY J. MORTON,
JNO. WELSH, JR.
WILLIAM H. NEWBOLD,
G. M. WHARTON.

The resolutions were severally adopted.

Mr. Binney offered the following as an additional resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That if any surplus of the said fund shall remain after the expenditures of the year, the same shall be invested in some productive fund, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to be converted into money in case of need, under the same direction.

The Rev. Mr. Clemson moved

That it be made the duty of every parochial clergyman of the diocese to read to his congregation on some regular occasion of public worship, as soon after the rising of the Convention as may be, so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the insufficient support and maintenance of the clergy.

The motion was seconded.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley moved to amend the same by striking out the words "made the duty of," and inserting "recommended to," which was seconded and adopted. The question was then taken on the resolution as amended, and it was lost.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Clemson for his faithful, appropriate, and useful discourse delivered this day.

It was then resolved that the election of officers be made the order of the day for this day at 6 o'clock, P. M.

It was, on motion, resolved, that until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund; provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Convention then adjourned.

St. Stephen's Church,
Wednesday, May 19th, 1841, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met—and the roll being called, the minutes of the last meeting were, after amendment, read and approved.

The articles of Association of St. Paul's Church, Schuylkill county, and the Charter of St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia county, were laid on the table by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, as approved by that Committee and by the Bishop, and were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Rev. Mr. Rodney, from the Committee on unfinished business, presented the following report.

The Committee on unfinished business having examined the last Journal, report the subjects of the Swedish Churches and infirm clergymen, which have already received the further action of the house, and besides these, there is a resolution of Rev. Dr. Boyd, on Catechetical Instruction, of the Committee upon which he is Chairman, (page 27,) a resolution of Mr. Davis', (page 29,) and another resolution on Periodical Literature, by Dr. Boyd, referred to a Committee of which he is likewise Chairman. (Page 32.)

Respectfully submitted.

John Rodney,
J. M. Rogers.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved

That it is hereby earnestly recommended to every parochial minister and missionary in the diocese, to read to his congregation or congregations, on some convenient occasion of public worship, the annual address delivered this day to this Convention by the Right Rev. the Bishop.

Rev. Mr. Clemson moved as an amendment to strike out the words "earnestly recommended to", and insert the words "made the duty of"—the proposed amendment was lost.

The question was then taken on the resolution, and it was adopted.

Mr. J. S. Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to apply to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the enactment of a law making the printed Journals of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, when certified under the signatures of the Bishop and of the Secretary for the time being of the Convention, legal evidence in all cases in which the original Journal proved by the oath of the Secretary of the Convention, who kept the same, would have been legal evidence.

An application in writing, from the Rev. Thos. G. Allen, was presented by the Rev. Mr. Coleman, and read, asking for a seat in the Convention. Rev. Mr. Coleman moved that the application be referred to a Committee of 3. Mr. Binney moved that the application, together with the motion to refer, be laid upon the table—which was carried. Rev. Mr. Coleman offered the following resolutions, which were laid on the table—and on motion of Rev. Mr. Ridgley, made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Resolved, That *law suits* and *contention* amongst the members, (and especially the *ministers*) of the Church, are exceedingly to be deprecated.

Resolved, That it is the privilege and duty of the Church to protect herself against any injury to her peace and honour, which may arise from such a source.

Resolved, That if the Saviour has commanded a Christian, against whom his brother may have unkindly "trespassed," and who has failed in his attempts to have the difficulty settled in a private and amicable manner, to "*tell it to the Church*," he has, by so doing, virtually commanded the Church

to provide some mode in which she will *hear* what he has to tell her, and by which also the controversy may be ended.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Church in this diocese to provide such a mode, and that a special Committee be appointed to report a Canon to that effect; recognizing the inspired directions which the Saviour has promulged in the 18th Chapter of St. Matthew, for the settlement of all difficulties amongst Christian brethren; and which directions neither individuals nor the Church herself can wisely or safely disregard.

The Chair announced the arrival of 6 o'clock, and that in pursuance of the resolution adopted in the morning, the Convention would proceed to the election of its officers. Whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Morgan and Ducachet were appointed Tellers on the part of the Clergy, and Messrs. Ellis and Rutter on the part of the Laity. The balloting being closed, the Tellers proceeded to the discharge of their duties. Before their report was received, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, it was resolved that the next annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 3rd Tuesday of May, 1842, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dorr, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the general Convention. The Committee to consist of 3. The Chair appointed Rev. Messrs. Dorr, and Morton, and Mr. G. M. Wharton.

Rev. Mr. Clemson moved to adjourn—which was lost.

The Tellers in the matter of the election of officers, being prepared to report, announced that the following persons had received a majority of the votes of both orders, and they were accordingly declared, by the President, to be elected, viz:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Geo. Boyd, D. D.	James S. Smith,
" Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.	Tobias Wagner,
" Benj. Dorr, D. D.	Philip H. Nicklin,
" Henry J. Morton,	Geo. M. Wharton,
" Jno. B. Clemson.	Thomas Robins.

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Geo. Upfold, D. D.	Horace Binney,
" Levi Bull,	Edw. J. Stiles,
" Samuel Bowman,	James S. Smith,
	Philip H. Nicklin.

Committee on the supply of vacant Congregations.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Jno. Rodney,	Samuel Hazlehurst,
" Geo. Sheets,	Wm. D. Brincklé, M. D.
" Wm. Suddards.	Lewis R. Ashhurst.

Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

Thomas Robins.

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George M. Wharton.

And the Tellers further reported that there was not a concurrence of the two orders with regard to the fourth clerical delegate to the general Convention.

During the sitting, a number of the Parochial reports were read.

The Convention then adjourned.

St. Stephen's Church,
Thursday, May 20th, 1841, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled at the call of the Bishop. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Miller, and the antecommunion service, by the Bishop; it being Ascension day.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The Rev. W. E. Franklin answered to his name, and took his seat. Mr. Frederic Fisher, a lay deputy from St. John's Church, Northern Liberties of Philadelphia county, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The Charter of Trinity Church, Orangeville, Columbia county, was presented by the Secretary of the Standing Com-

mittee, as approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Charters.

A report was received from the Secretary of the Standing Committee, stating the following as the reasons for the disapproval by that Committee and the Bishop, of the charter of Christ Church, Williamsport, viz:

1. That it does not appear that the paper presented is the original articles of Association—nor that a charter has been obtained.

2. It is doubtful whether the power is not given to members of the Church to vote for, and be elected Vestrymen, although they disclaim or refuse conformity to the Church in this diocese, and in the United States.

3. Power is expressly reserved to the Vestry to dismiss the rector.

4. The fourth article of the form of charter recommended by the fifth Revised Regulation is omitted in the Charter of said Church.

5. The Title of the Corporation is the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of said Church, and not the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen, as is usual.

Leave was then given to the Rev. Mr. Lightner to withdraw the Charter of the above Church.

Mr. Robins offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That $150 be appropriated toward the payment of mileage—to the Rectors of such Churches as have made contributions to the Convention fund for the current year—and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to such Clergymen as make application this day, in equal proportions, according to their actual expenses.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a fourth clerical delegate to the general Convention—the same Tellers acting as on yesterday, who reported that the Rev. Henry J. Morton had received a majority of the votes of both orders, and he was accordingly declared by the President to be elected.

Rev. Mr. Louderback asked and obtained leave of absence after the morning session.

A certificate of the election of James T. Hale and John M. Hale, as Lay Deputies from St. John's Church, Bellefonte,

Centre county, was read, and Mr. James T. Hale answered to his name, and took his seat.

The Charter of St. Paul's Church, Wellsborough, Tioga county, was presented by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, as approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, and was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Charters.

Rev. Mr. Michell offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved, That the Deputies from this Convention to the general Convention of the Church, to be held in October next, be, and are hereby requested, to present for approval and re-enactment by the said general Convention, the Canon of 1808, respecting secular avocations permitted to the Clergy; and especially to provide therein, "That no Clergyman of this Church shall henceforth become either a proprietor or an editor of any description of newspaper, or of any periodical journal whatever."

Rev. Mr. Clemson moved to take up for consideration the resolutions of the Rev. Mr. Coleman, laid on the table yesterday, and made the order of this day for 10 o'clock. The motion was lost.

The Rev. Dr. Boyd offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That it is earnestly recommended to all parents, and sponsors, and guardians, belonging to the Church in this Diocese, to give attention to the religious education of the children under their care, adopting that system of instruction which the Church has prescribed.

Resolved, That the pastors and members of the Churches be urged to promote the formation of parochial schools for the week day instruction of the children of the Church, in which, without interfering with their secular education, the great principles of the Church, as contemplated in the orders of her instructions, may be carried out.

Mr. R. C. Hale offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved, That Sutherland's Legislative Manual be adopted for the government of this body on questions of order.

Rev. Mr. Bull offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion of Rev. Dr. Upfold, were laid on the table.

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Rev. Mr. Suddards moved that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the citizens of Harrisburg for their kind attention to its members, which was carried unanimously.

Rev. Mr. Morton moved that the addition to the 3d Sec. of the 1st Revised Regulation of 1829—to be found on p. 32 of the Journal of last year—be rescinded—which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Nicklin, it was

Resolved, That previous to the adjournment of the Convention *sine die*, the rough minutes shall always be read and passed upon.

The remaining parochial reports were read by their titles.

The minutes were then read by the Secretary, and approved. And the members of the Convention joined in the singing of the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the Collection; when, after the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE M. WHARTON, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1841.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Adderly, Missionary at St. Ann's Church, Red Bank, Clarion county, and St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

St. Ann's Church.

Congregation, families, 33; communicants added, 4; removed, 2; present number, 35; public services on Sundays, 46; other days, 12; total, 58; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 6; total, 9; confirmed, 9.

St. Michael's Church.

Congregation, families, 33; communicants added, 4; removed, 3; present number, 50; public services on Sundays, 25; other days, 4; total, 29; baptisms, infants, 5; confirmed, 8; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 32.

This report includes a period of about eight months. I have been compelled, from necessity, to relinquish the charge of these Churches, on the first of February last, since which time I have been occasionally officiating in Alleghany city, and Pittsburgh. Besides the above services, I have preached in Kittanning fourteen times, in Freeport three times, in Butler twice, in Greensburgh three times, at Connelsville twice. The Sacrament of the Lord's supper has been administered three times to each of these congregations.

Report of the Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches, Beaver county.

St. Paul's Church.

Congregation, families, 26; communicants added, 2; present number, 66; public services on Sundays, 50; other days, 10; total, 60; confirmed, 16; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 50; collections, Convention Fund, $2,50; other purposes, $17.

St. Peter's Church, Beaver Falls.

This congregation remains in every respect the same as reported last year. Some families have removed, others been added. The services have been much better attended. Public services on Sundays, 50. The congregation have at length gotten their house under roof, but owing to the pressure of the times, they cannot at present finish the interior, being in debt for what has already been done, above $800, which may yet occasion us some trouble, as we have no way of meeting it, except by assistance from abroad. Early this spring I left my congregations, for the purpose of soliciting assistance; how far this effort may be successful, the Convention shall be fully informed, if spared, in my next. I am sorry that I am not able to speak more favourably of the state of this congregation, but considering circumstances—the many difficulties they have to contend with—the frequent disappointments of divine worship, for want of a house of our own—the want of Sunday schools, and other religious meetings, which are indispensable to the increase of a congregation in numbers and piety, from the same cause; my only astonishment is, that they have not, ere this, become so discouraged as to despair of ever seeing the Episcopal Church permanently established

in this place. We trust, however, that the time is not far distant, when the present difficulties will be removed, and the Lord will smile upon this portion of His heritage.

Besides the above services, I have preached some twelve or fourteen times at different places in Beaver county.

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Report of the Rev. Charles Henry Alden, Principal of the Philadelphia High School for Young Ladies.

I have frequently officiated during the past year for the city clergy, and at the House of Refuge; besides on several Sundays in the diocese of New York, in addition to my daily duties to the school under my care. Having recently received a commission as Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, I expect to be ordered soon on service abroad.

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Report of the Rev. Thos. G. Allen.

As by the Canon of the General Convention of 1835, every clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall report to the Ecclesiastical authority of his diocese the occasional services he may have performed, I therefore present the following view of my movements.

I continue acting in the capacity of a City Missionary, in connection with the Philadelphia Mission.

From and including May 20th, 1840, to May 17th, 1841, I have officiated in the service of the Church on four occasions, when I have not lectured or preached. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 8 occasions. I have baptised 66 persons. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 228 occasions. I have married 45 couple. I have officiated on 105 funeral occasions.

During the year, up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 2018—1904 of them to the sick and afflicted. There has been distributed 20 bibles, 47 prayer books, and 98,223 pages of tracts; in which is included 51,863 pages of the tract, Morning and Evening Prayer for Children and Youth, &c.

My monthly appointment at the Widow's Asylum, and at the Wills' Hospital; also my weekly appointment at the Magdalen Asylum, and at my house, are continued. I have no other *regular* appointments, but I officiate during the

week, and on the Lord's Day, as the Lord in his providence directs.

In my general movements, I still endeavour to act as a friend to all who may resort to me, or to whom I may be directed in circumstances of need, whether of body, mind or soul.

The Lord has continued his blessing on my imperfect efforts, and to Him be all the praise forever. Amen.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints Church, Lower Dublin township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 16; total, 17; Sunday schools, 2; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 102; other days, 64; by lay readers, 35: total, 201; bible classes, 1; children catechized, at Holmesburg chapel, for four months, every Sunday afternoon; and at present, once every month; once at a school house. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $13 67; Convention Fund, $8 43; Missionary and other purposes, $802 18; total, $824 28.

We have removed the reading desk from each of our churches, in accordance with the recommendation of our diocesan. We have painted both our churches during the year, improved our chapel by altering and elevating the chancel, and making a new pulpit; and made a great improvement at All Saints' Church, by building a stone wall on the south side of the burying ground.

Report of the Rev. G. T. Bedell, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, Chester County.

Congregation, families, 37; adults, 66; children, 84; total, 150; including 42 pupils of 3 boarding schools, who form part of the regular congregation. The number attending our services is generally greater than this. Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 3; total, 4; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 6; present number, 23; marriages, 5; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 100; on Holy-days, 2; total, 102; children catechized, 25, on the second Sunday of each month; Sunday schools, 2; male teachers, 3; male scholars, 31; female teachers, 11; female pupils, 44; total schools, 2; teachers, 14; pupils, 75; one of these schools is an infant school, with 1 teacher and 20 pupils; bible class, 1; pupils, 10; collections, Episcopal Fund, $4 76½; Convention Fund,

$1 76¼; Society Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $5 12½; contributions for other purposes, $63; total, $74 65½.

The connection of the present Rector with this parish has been only since the middle of last November. At that time he succeeded the Rev. R. Newton, to whose faithful labours under God, we are indebted for the permanent establishment of the church in our borough, and for the removal of much of that unjust prejudice which existed against our excellent peculiarities. The present Rector feels that he has much cause of gratitude in the increasing prosperity of his charge. There is indication of gradual, but permanent advancement. The parish is still feeble; but years ago there were only two Episcopalians within its bounds. The main burden of supporting the church, has, thus far, fallen on a very few liberal individuals; their exertions have been, however, rewarded with success. Exertion among ourselves, and such liberal assistance as we confidently expect from our richer brethren in the city, will, we hope, enable us during the coming year, to remove the heavy debt, $2500, with which we are incumbered. The ladies of the congregation have just realized $450, by a Fair, which sum will afford us the necessary accommodations for the Sunday and infant school, and bible class. The increased attachment to, and interest in our services, and attention to the words of the gospel, lead us to hope that the Holy Ghost has in store for us a spiritual blessing, at least as abundant as the temporal blessings with which we have been favoured.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

There have been, in all, 39 baptisms in this parish during the past year; of which 3 were adults, and 36 infants. The present number of communicants is about 70; the marriages have been 6; the burials, 13.

The public services are two on each Sunday throughout the year; beside which, there is service on the principal Holy-days; and for nine months in the year, a week day evening service.

The children are catechized monthly in the church; in addition to which, I have, for some months in the year, a weekly catechetical lecture and examination, designed chiefly for those who are approaching the age for confirmation.

There are two Sunday schools belonging to the church; a male and female. In the male school there are 8 teachers and 47 scholars; in the female department, 11 teachers and 68 scholars; making, in all, 19 teachers and 115 scholars. The customary collections have been made as usual; the amount as follows: Episcopal Fund, $15 18; Convention Fund, $18 75; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $18 26; Monthly Offerings for Diocesan and other missions, $117; Female Missionary Society of St. James' Church, $50; Juvenile Missionary Society, $10; total, from all sources and for all purposes, $229 19.

Report of the Rev. Charles Breck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsborough, Tioga county.

Congregation, families, 47; adults, 154; children, 109; total, 263; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 8; total, 10; communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 1; present number, 14; marriages, 2; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 80; total, 188; children catechized in the Sunday school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 17: female, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 33; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, $18; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $6; missionary purposes, $14; Convention Fund, $7; total, $45.

The state of this parish has not materially changed since my last report: I therefore withhold any further remarks. At the request of two gentlemen, who have a large lumber establishment, eight miles to the west, I have given the afternoon of every fourth Sunday to that place. At Tioga I have continued my services on the evening of every third or fourth Sunday. On the 8th of February, a parish by the name of Christ Church, was organized in that place, under very favourable circumstances. A combined sectarian movement has since been made to destroy the unanimity of feeling we had gained; it has but partially succeeded, and should the Rev. Mr. Hopkins at once give half his time to this place, I have little doubt of the ultimate success of the Church. The other point where Mr. Hopkins is expected to officiate, is Lawrenceville, a village seven miles from Tioga. I have preached there a few times: the opening for the church is good.

I strive to feel that I am nothing; that I can only plant and water, but God must give the increase.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé, Assistant Minister of St. James' Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

S. C. Brincklé begs leave to report that he is still in connexion with the Swedish churches, as Assistant Minister of St. James' church, Kingsessing. As this church is not within the pale of our communion, (though from the fact of its having been long indebted to our Episcopal clergy for ministrations, a species of union has been established,) a particular account of parochial duty will not be expected. In former reports he has alluded to discouragements arising from the peculiar organization of these churches. He has now the pleasure of stating, that at the last session of the Legislature, and just at its close, a law was passed, empowering the Courts to annul our present charter, and create us three distinct corporations, with such an apportionment of the property among them as has been agreed upon by the parties concerned. Thus is the great difficulty, it is hoped, removed, to our union with the Episcopal church, which it is thought will follow almost as a natural consequence, at a period not very distant. Each church of the connexion, (when the measure of separation now in progress, shall have been perfected) will be left to follow its own impulses in this respect, untrammeled by the opposition of others; and from the present feeling towards the Episcopal church in this quarter, it is trusted that we shall not be so blinded to our own interest, as not to hail a union from which we have every thing to gain, and nothing to lose.

Report of the Rev. William W. Bronson, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Congregation, families, 26; adults, 62; children, 65; total, 137; baptisms, infants, 13; Communicants, added, 2; present number, 21; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 60; other days, 9, total, 69; children catechised, frequently in the Sunday school in private; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 22; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 25; teachers, 8; total, schools, 2; pupils, 47; collections, Episcopal Fund, $5; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $7; Convention Fund,

$2; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $5; Missionary and other purposes, $5; total, $24.

In addition to the above services, I have officiated for brethren in the city and elsewhere, on Sundays, 18 times; other occasions, 22 times; total, 40.

The present rector entered upon his duties at this place on the 16th of August, 1840, finding a parish, weak in itself, still more enfeebled by the numerous changes which had taken place in its pastoral relations, the people almost disheartened, and the prejudices of surrounding sects greatly increased. The object of the present rector has been, from the outset, to *preach the gospel of Christ, in the church of Christ*, and he rejoices in being able to add his feeble testimony to that "cloud of witnesses" for the church, by whose example he has been encouraged to persevere, that a firm determination to present the church as God has handed her down to us from the purest ages, if carried out with honesty of purpose, and in "meekness of wisdom toward those that oppose themselves," will, nay must, result in increasing the attachment of our own members, and in securing the respect, at least, of those who differ from us. The opposition at first felt to the introduction of the surplice, and a rigid adherence to all the rubrical provisions of the church, has, it is believed, entirely subsided: and the rector now indulges the hope that by permanent and faithful ministerial services, those who belong to our fold will be "built up and strengthened in our most holy faith," and that many more, "tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine," will be driven for refuge to that ark of safety which God has provided for the rescue of immortal souls. It will indeed require patience and a large share of that heavenly faith "which endures as seeing Him who is invisible"—but "the Lord of Hosts is with us—the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Report of the Rev. W. Bryant.

Since I resigned my charge in Moyamensing, I have preached occasionally, but have been without that kind of engagement which is so congenial with my feelings.

Since last September, I have had a temporary arrangement with the Rev. Dr. Tyng, which extends to reading morning and evening prayer, and assisting on communion occasions.

I have reason to be thankful for a measure of health and

strength for more extensive usefulness, if such a field should be presented to me.

Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

St. John's Church, Pequea.

Congregation, families, 46; baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 20; total, 24; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 9; present number, 37; marriages, 1; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 38; other days, 15; total, 53; children catechized, 30; times, about 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 40; collections, Episcopal Fund, $4 50; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $8 68; missionary purposes, $27 46; total, $40 64.

Among the nine communicants reported above, as dead or removed, are included three persons whose removal ought to have been reported in previous years, and one, who, it is presumed, from his long absence from the communion, has ceased to be a communicant.

Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

Congregation, families, 40; baptisms, adults, 1; children, 4; total, 5; communicants, added, 7; removed, 11; present number, 31; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 23; other days, 4; total, 27; children catechized, 30; times, about 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 6; pupils 35; collections, Episcopal Fund, $4 25; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 32; missionary and other purposes, about $35 00; total, $44 57.

The large number of removals among the communicants of this church, as reported above, is to be attributed to the same fact which occasioned so large a number of removals to be reported from St. John's church, viz: a recent thorough expurgation of the list of communicants.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Buel, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county.

Congregation, families, 35; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 26; total, 29; communicants, added, 2; died, 1; present number, 17; marriages, 2; burials, 6; Sunday schools, teachers, male, 6; female, 5; scholars, male, 50; female, 50; total,

teachers, 11; scholars, 100; collections, Convention Fund, $6 12½; raised for completion of the church, at a sale held by Ladies' Society, between $500 and $600.

The church has been, during the year, in a process of completion, and will be finished by Whit-Sunday, the day appointed for its consecration. The congregation will then probably assume a more stable form than it has hitherto possessed. The services during the year have been well attended, with evident interest on the part of the congregation, as they became acquainted with the spirit and orders of the church. I have regularly officiated at Minersville, and Lewellyn, where there are materials for the formation of a church; and it is probable that in the course of the coming year, an edifice will be erected in Minersville. The church in this place will be composed mostly of those who were brought up in the church of England, and who naturally seek the services which they have learned to love. The mining region presents a most interesting field for the labours of the church, which will well repay any cultivation she may bestow upon it. The mining population includes many, whose attachments and prepossessions are in favour of the church, and who need only her welcome and her fostering care to induce them to connect themselves with her, when they reach our shores. But they must be attended to by her ministers, and provided with her services, or they will be alienated, as many already *have been*, simply because for a long time they had no opportunity of attending the services, which on their arrival in our land, they would have heartily preferred. But the ground is not yet entirely lost, the prospects are still far from gloomy, if the church is not blind and recreant to her duty.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester county, St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county, and Bangor Church, Church Town, Lancaster county.

St. Mary's Church, Chester county.

Baptisms, all children, 7; communicants, about 80; burials, not known; Sunday schools, 1; pupils, 50; teachers, 8; marriages, in all my parishes, 4.

St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; children, 6; total, 7; communicants, about 40; Sunday schools, 1; pupils, 30; teachers, 8.

Bangor Church, Church Town, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, all children, 15; communicants, about 40; Sunday schools, 1; pupils, 60; teachers, 12.

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Report of the Rev. George Burcker, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's Church, Berks county.

Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; communicants added, 5; removed, by death, 1; present number, 25; marriages, 4; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 44; other days, 24; total, 68; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 43; female, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 45; total, schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 88; bible class, 1; members, 17; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10; Missionary purposes, $13 25; total, $23 25.

St. Gabriel's Church, Berks county.

Baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, about 20; public services on Sundays, 39; other days, 12; total, 51; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 15; female, 1; pupils, 15; teachers, 5; total, schools, 2; teachers, 9; pupils, 30; collections, Missionary purposes, $8.

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Report of the Rev. R. Frederick Burnham, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, and St. Luke's Church, Bucks county.

St. Andrew's Church, Bucks County.

Congregation, families, 10; baptisms, infants, 1; communicants, present number, 3; public services, on Sundays, 51; other days, 4; total, 55; collections, Convention Fund, $2 53; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $3 63; Parochial purposes, $32 12.

A Sunday school, numbering 60 pupils and 9 teachers, was organized by the rector last summer—it was discontinued in the winter, and has not been reorganized, owing to removals from the neighbourhood.

St. Luke's Church, Bucks county.

Congregation, families, 12; public services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 7; total, 47; Sunday school pupils, 40; teachers, 8; collections, Convention Fund, $2 62; Society for the Advance-

ment of Christianity, $4 48; Parochial purposes, $25 13. This report dates from July 26, 1840.

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Report of the Rev. W. M. Burton, Rector of Christ Church, Holydaysburg, Huntingdon county.

Congregation, families, 14; adults, 33; children, 34; total, 67; baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, present number, 7; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 2; total, 54.

I entered upon my duties in this congregation, in October last. The above report is, therefore, not as full as it would otherwise have been. We labour under serious inconvenience, for want of a comfortable house, and have reason to believe that if we were more favourably situated in this respect, the congregation would be considerably larger. I rejoice to say that an increasing interest is manifested in the success of our enterprise, and trust that with the Divine blessing upon our efforts, we shall find that we have neither laboured in vain, nor spent our strength for nought.

The missionary regrets that no collections have been made for the different institutions of the Church. But the small and feeble state of the congregation, it is thought, is a sufficient apology. No Sunday school is as yet established, but we contemplate establishing one this summer.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 280; baptisms, adults, 22; infants, 20; total, 42; confirmed, 39; communicants, added, 53; died or removed, 57; of this number 20 moved out of the city, 15 joined other churches in the city; 10 of those struck off from the list were never known to the present Rector; 3 have been ordained to the ministry; 5 withdrawn; 4 deceased; in all, 57; present number, 536; marriages, 16; burials, 24; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 36; total, 140; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 22; pupils, 220; female, 3; teachers, 26; pupils, 243; total, schools, 6; teachers, 48; pupils, 463; bible classes, 3; members, 76; collections, Episcopal Fund, $25; Society Advancement of Christianity, $53; Missionary and other purposes, $1100; total, $1178.

Report of the Rev. R. Bethell Claxton, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarré, Luzerne county.

Congregation, families, about 55; adults, 150; children, 120; total, 270; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 3; total, 4; confirmed, none—not having had the pleasure of an Episcopal visitation this year; communicants, added, 5; removed, 2; present number, 58; marriages, 2 by my predecessor, 3 by myself; total, 5; burials, 1, by my predecessor, 1 by the Rev. Mr. Dorrance, of the Presbyterian church, in my absence in December last, 4 by myself; total, 6: children catechized, about 90; times, 13; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 9; pupils, 71; female teachers, 13; pupils, 105; total, schools, 1; teachers, 22; pupils, 176; bible classes, none, except as included in the Sunday school; collections, Convention Fund, $8; Society Advancement of Christianity, $14 30; Board of Missions, $56 31; Collection for Sunday school, $63 10; raised by Ladies' Society towards the erection of a Lecture Room, $222 31; total, $364 02.

The report of the present Rector embraces eight months of the past ecclesiastical year; he has completed it, so far as regards marriages and burials, from the parish register, as kept by his predecessor, the Rev. W. J. Clark, who resigned his charge in July last. From the increase of the Sunday school, which has nearly doubled its numbers since the last report; from the interest in the cause of Christ, manifested by the contributions of the parish; and from the general seriousness and attention with which the truths of the gospel are heard, the Rector is encouraged to hope that his labours are not in vain in the Lord. While planting the good seed, or watering that planted by his faithful predecessors, he would look humbly, but earnestly, to his Lord and Master for an abundant increase.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 100; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 91; total, 94; confirmed, 13; communicants, added, 30; died or removed, 5; present number, 91; marriages, 43; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 39; total, 143; children catechized, 40; times, 6; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 70; female, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 75;

total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 145; collections, Society Advancement of Christianity, $11; Missionary and other purposes, $50; total, $61.

A bill has lately passed the Legislature for the separation of the Swedish churches into three distinct corporations; and the probability now is, that these churches will soon become connected with the Convention.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The prospects of this congregation were never more auspicious than at the present time. Collections have been made for different churches and benevolent objects. The bible class, infant, and other Sunday schools, are in their usual operation.

Baptisms, infants, 70; adults, 5; total, 75; confirmed, 19; marriages, 26; burials, 9; communicants, removed, 10; died, 2; added, 35; whole number at present time, 206.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 216; adults, 682; children, 380; total, 1062; baptisms, adults, 23; infants, 58; total, 81; confirmed, 59; communicants, last reported, 331; added, 74; died, 9; removed, 15; present number, 381; marriages, 25; burials, in the parish, 22; strangers, 18; total, 40; public services, on Sundays, 115; other days, 49; total, 164; children catechized, 11 times, openly in the church; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 21; pupils, 184; female, 2; teachers, 34; pupils, 218; total, schools, 4; teachers, 55; pupils, 402; bible classes, 2; members, 62; collections, Episcopal Fund, $50; Society for Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $21 07; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $50; Missionary and other purposes, $779 71; total, $900 78; of which $103 15 were contributed by the Sunday Schools and Female Bible Class.

The brick building of 22 by 57 feet, mentioned in last report, as about to be added to the church edifice, has since been finished. During the past year, a handsome new iron railing has been placed in front of the church. These improvements cost about $3600, and have been paid for by the voluntary contributions of the congregation.

Report of the Rev. Asa S. Colton.

For about three months after the last meeting of the Convention, I performed occasional missionary services in Bucks county, but in September, removed to Upper Merion, where my only ostensible employment is teaching. My wish is to serve the Church of Christ; but I find no way of doing it directly.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of St. John's Church, Lawrenceville, Allegheny county, Pa.

I commenced my ministry in this parish on Sunday, November 14th, 1840. The house built by this congregation having been sold, we have been obliged to worship, a part of the time, in a room of the United States Arsenal, and subsequently in a school room. Our services are yet conducted in the latter. Though the season has been much against us, yet we have increased in numbers, and our vestry has determined upon the erection of a church. I am unable to report the number of families belonging to this congregation, or the number of communicants. There have been 4 infants baptized, and 1 marriage solemnized; $4 25 have been collected for the Convention Fund. No other collections have yet been made.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the last Convention I have officiated a few times, some five or six only. In the early part of the year, my constitution appeared to rally, and promised a restoration to health, but fatigue and exposure have, in a great measure, if not altogether, destroyed such a flattering prospect. Whether I shall be able to do any thing in the way of public preaching the ensuing year, may be regarded doubtful.

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Report of the Rev. William N. Diehl, Rector of St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 50; children, 40; total, 90; baptisms, adults, 1; communicants, added, 4; present number, 8; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 24; children catechized, 25; times, 3; Sunday schools, female, 1: teachers, 3; pupils, 25; collections, Society for the Advance-

ment of Christianity, $14 50; missionary and other purposes, $114 50; total, $129.

I am still connected with the Swedes' Church, Gloria Dei, Philadelphia, and officiate for the congregation, the first Sunday in every month.

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Report of the Rev. A. F. Dobb, Deacon.

Since the presentation of my last report, on May 19th, 1840, I have officiated on the Lord's day, in St. James' Hall, the churches in the neighbourhood, or elsewhere, always once, often twice, and sometimes three times; besides occasional services during the week. I have also assisted five times in the administration of the holy communion, and performed the funeral service once.

Grace Church, Hulmeville, which during the last three months, has been under my sole pastoral care, is in an interesting state of improvement. Were it made a missionary station, in connection with some neighbouring place, under the charge of an efficient and laborious missionary, its permanent establishment and steady growth, under the blessing of the great Head of the Church, would be certainly secured.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, about 220 families; baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 49; total, 58; confirmed, 26; communicants, added, 37; died or removed, 20; present number, 335; marriages, 11; burials, 32; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 151; total, 255; children catechized, 300; on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, "openly in the church," in the presence of the congregation; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 60; female, 2; teachers, 40; pupils, 220; total schools, 3; teachers, 50; pupils, 280; collections, Episcopal Fund, $50; Convention fund, $60; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $280; missionary and other religious and charitable purposes, $2850 04; total of charitable contributions, $3240 04.

The above contributions for church objects, have been appropriated as follows:

To the diocesan and Episcopal Funds, $110; to the Ladies' Prayer Book Society, $70; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $132 71; General Theological Seminary, $175; Sun-

day schools, $375 81; missions, $1001 38; aiding poor churches, $605 40; distributed to the poor, $769 74; total, $3240 04.

The general condition of the parish continues to be prosperous.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglas, Rector of St. Matthews' church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 11; total, 13; marriages, 4; funerals, 8; communicants, deceased, 1; removed, 2; present number, 31; confirmed, 7; Sunday school children, 80; teachers, male, 4; female, 4; collections, Convention Fund, $5; Society for the advancement of Christianity, $5.

The Rector is happy to be able to state, with feelings of hallowed gratitude, that the Lord's work is prospering in this church. The interior of the edifice has been altered, and an addition has been made to the number of the pews. A lot of ground has been presented to the congregation, by Mr. Fisher, and it was confidently expected that our vestry would have enlarged the church, but the great pecuniary distress that has afflicted our city, prevents them from prosecuting their plans. Our grave yard has been enclosed with a handsome fence, and otherwise improved. The temporal interests of the church are brightening, and the vestry are endeavouring to pay the debts on the building and the burial ground, and likewise the debt due to the Rector, and to raise him a salary.

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Report of the Rev. G. C. Drake, Rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Christ church, Jerseytown, St. Gabriel's church, Sugar Loaf, and Trinity church, Orangeville, Columbia county.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.

Congregation, families, 50; baptisms, infants, 7; communicants, added, 2; died, 1; present number, 80; marriages, 10; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 20; total, 60; children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, male, 9; female, 14; pupils, male, 41; female, 47; total, teachers, 23; pupils, 88.

On Easter day I declared to the congregation of this church, that my pastoral connection was dissolved. Since that time I have performed no service in the church.

Christ Church, Jerseytown.

Congregation, families, 16; baptisms, infants, 8; communicants, present number, 27; marriages, 5; public services, on Sundays, 21; other days, 3; total, 24; collections, Convention Fund, $1 00; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $1 00; total, $2 00.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 8; total, 9; communicants, 20; marriages, 2; public services, on Sundays, 15; other days, 8; total, 23; children catechized, 20; times, 2; collections are in the hands of the Treasurer.

Trinity Church, Orangeville.

A congregation under this name, has been recently organized. There have been at Orangeville, 4 infant baptisms, and 11 Sunday services.

During the last Conventional year, I have preached at Mauch Chunk, baptized one child, and received four into the congregation, who had been baptized according to the private form; I also administered the communion in that congregation. I have preached also at St. Peters', Great Valley, and at St. Paul's, West Whiteland, Chester county; and three times in St. James', Muncey, on one of which occasions I administered the communion.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, Rector of St. Stephens' church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; children, 37; total, 39; confirmed, 11; marriages, 7; funerals, 20; communicants, number not accurately ascertained, but estimated at about 260; public services, on Sundays, 110; other days, 40; total, 150.

The children of the Sunday school have been frequently catechized there; and the children of the congregation generally on Sunday afternoons through Lent, and up to this time.

Contributions, to the Convention Fund, $50; for the Episcopate, besides the annual contribution of $150, $44 23; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $298 37; Sunday school, $89 29; for Bishop Kemper's College, $1200; for Bishop Otey's diocese, $380 75; total, $1762 64. Besides

several hundred dollars, not correctly ascertained in amount, because raised by private subscription and donations.

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Report of the Rev. H. Dyer, Rector of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Pittsburg, Alleghany county.

Congregation, families, 10; adults, 20; children, 30; total, 60; baptisms, infants, 11; communicants, added, 6; present number, 11; marriages, 2; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 43; children catechized, 6 times; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 40.

I took charge of this parish on the 10th of May, 1840. Since that time I have endeavoured to keep up the services regularly once on each Lord's day.

Besides the above services, I have officiated in other places some forty times.

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Report of the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rector of Dyberry Parish, (including Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany,) Wayne county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 9; total, 10; communicants, added, 6; removed, 2; present number, 35; marriages, 5; burials, 11; public services held on Sundays, in Honesdale, 98; in Bethany, 22; in Waymart, 15; in Salem, 4; in Prompton, 1; in Canaan, 1; total, on Sundays, 141; week day services, in Honesdale, 9; in Prompton, 8; in Leonardsville, 11; in Mount Pleasant, 1; in Cherry Ridge, 1; in Barreville, 1; children catechized 4 times; Sunday school, 1; with 9 teachers, 21 male, and 37 female scholars; total of scholars, 58; Bible Class exercises held weekly, open to all desirous of attending them; collections, Society Advancement of Christianity, $17 98¼; Sunday School, $3 63½; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $3 13½; Domestic Missions, $3 47; Convention Fund, $3 50.

The congregation of Grace Church have erected, during the past year, a parsonage which will add to the comfort and lighten the expenses of their minister. Their church is indebted to the Hon. Philip Hone, of New York, for a present of a large bible and prayer book, suitable to the reading desk, and to another gentleman of the same city, for a present of two chairs for the chancel. The attendance on the services of the sanctuary has improved, and it is hoped that we may

have the blessing of God resting on us, manifesting its presence in the turning of sinners to the Lord, and the growth of Christians in holiness and zeal for the promotion of the gospel of salvation.

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Report of the Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, and Grace Church, Menallan Township, Fayette county.

Congregation, families, 42; baptisms, 12; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 6; died, 1; removed, 6; present number, 50; marriages, 5; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, 84; other days, 50; total, 134; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 39; female, 1; teachers, 11; pupils, 52; total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 91; bible classes, 1; members, 10; collections, Convention Fund, $6; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $15; Missionary and other purposes, $710 59.

Since the last Convention, I have visited the parish of Connellsville seven times, preached five times, administered the communion twice, performed two burials, and united two couple in the bonds of holy matrimony. I also visited St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, eight times, preached six times, and married one couple; also Washington, Washington county, twice; preached twice, and baptized one child; also St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, twice, and preached once.

In Wheeling, I have preached twice; in Pittsburgh, four times; in Allegheny city, once, and in Newark, Ohio, twice. The contributions of this parish during the conventional year, have been appropriated as follows: towards the erection of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, by the Ladies' Sewing Society, $75: to Domestic Missions, by the same, $26; to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, by the Episcopal members of the Brownsville Female Bible Society, $31 40; to Domestic Missions, from the monthly offerings of Christ Church, $53 69; to the Advancement Society, from the same, $15; towards the erection of Christ Church, Allegheny city, $118; to aid the church in New Albany, Indiana, $15; to the Colonization Society, $99, to the poor, $15; for the erection of a tower to the church, and the purchase of a bell, &c., $264 50. The parish has also raised, by subscription, (which, however, is not yet paid in,) upwards of two thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a large and very convenient parsonage. The contract for its erection is made, and the house is to be finish-

ed by the 1st of April, 1842. One individual gives $1,100 of this sum, and another, $650. This is obeying the Saviour's command, "Freely ye have received, freely give;" and the obedience is very encouraging and gratifying to the feelings of the Rector. O may *they* and *their* children find, by happy experience, the truth of these declarations, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth." "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The debt of the church has been paid off, and the above mentioned improvements made, (with the exception of about $300 raised by subscription, in addition,) by the avails of a legacy left some years since, by Mr. Charles Wheeler, M. D., one of the earliest friends of the church in this place.

Grace Church, Menallan township, Fayette county.

This parish has lately been resuscitated. It was dead for many years; but it has risen from the grave more vigorous than ever. A church building, within two years, has been erected, which was chiefly effected by the exertions of one or two individuals. I commenced holding services in it in July last, and have continued them since that time, with one exception, every alternate Sunday. At that period there was not *even one* communicant belonging to the parish; but *now* there are seven, who kneel at the Lord's table, and with good prospect of more at the next communion. The Bishop held a service, and confirmed five in this church in September last; and I baptized one adult at the same time.

The services are numerously attended, the responses well conducted, and the congregation always serious and attentive.

We have every encouragement to believe that our labours will be crowned with happy results. No Sunday school has yet been formed; but I intend to organize one immediately on my return from the Convention. Some thief broke into the church a few days ago and stole the fine prayer book and bible which the Female Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia, presented to me for the use of this parish. Collections, Convention Fund, $2 61; parish expenses, $7 50; total, $10 11.

Report of the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

Since the period of my last report, the condition of this parish has gradually, but I hope, permanently improved. It

has suffered severely in losses, by the removal of some families, long known to the church as its zealous supporters; and by the death of some of its members. But from the additions to the communion of the church, the general good attendance upon her services, and the present circumstances of the parish, I am justified in reporting its condition as sound, healthy, and prosperous.

Within the year past, the interior of the church has been repaired and painted throughout; a new and fine toned organ has been erected, and such other improvements have been made as sufficiently to indicate the interest of the parishioners in the temporal affairs of the church, and to show them to be of a prosperous character.

Beside the usual Sunday services, I have lectured to the congregation as often as once in each week, except during the past winter.

In the place of the Bible Class mentioned in my last report, a Liturgy Class has been formed for instruction in the spiritual nature and character of the Book of Common Prayer, and the interest manifested in it by the members, has, thus far, proved its expediency and utility.

The Sunday schools are superintended by the Rector in person, assisted by one of the Wardens, and a sufficient number of teachers. They are small, but well conducted, and prosperous. A meeting is held every week by the teachers, for the study of the Sunday lesson, and other purposes connected with the instruction of the schools.

In addition to my usual parochial duties, I have preached occasionally at the Poor House of the borough, and at various places in the surrounding country.

The Rector desires here to record his grateful sense of the unremitting kindness of his people towards him and his household, "from the beginning even until now." In this, as well as the success with which it has pleased God to bless his labours, he sees abundant cause to thank God, and take courage.

Report of the Rev. R. D. Hall, Rector of St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia, Philadelphia county.

Public services, 52; families, about 20; baptisms, children, 2; communicants, died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 30; Sunday school, teachers, 4; pupils, 55; collections, Convention Fund, $5. The Eucharist is administered monthly.

During the conventional year, a gallery has been erected for the Sunday school, forming also a vestibule, rendering the church more comfortable for winter worship, &c. The attendance on the services of the church is very encouraging. The rector also reports that he has preached several times in the parish of St. Mark's, Mantua, to the congregation yet remaining, and that there is some prospect of a revival of the interests of the church in that vicinity.

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Report of Rev. Samuel W. Hallowell.

Since my last report was presented, my relation has been the same: that of assistant to the Rector of St. Andrews'.

I have been employed in performing the duties of my station, at the same time rendering occasional assistance to such of my brethren as required my services.

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Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of the Mission Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 20; infants, 78; total, 98; confirmed, 52; communicants, added, 63; died or removed, 9; present number, 237; marriages, 6; burials, 17; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days, 1; children catechized, twice openly in the church; several times in the Sunday school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 17; female, 1; teachers, 20; infant, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 250; total, schools, 3; teachers, 43; pupils, 606; bible classes, 3; members, 154; collections, missionary and other purposes, $36; children's pennies, $80; total, $116.

By the blessing of God upon the fostering care of the church, the congregation has so increased, that its present accommodations are insufficient. The vestry is making an effort to obtain the means to erect another and more commodious edifice. This appeal has met with a liberal response so far, and the expectation is cherished that a measure on which the future and permanent success of this enterprize depends, will be crowned with success this year.

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Report of the Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Rector of Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and St. Peters'church, Blairsville, Indiana county.

Christ Church, Greensburgh.

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 40; children, 28; baptisms, infants, 8; confirmed, 1; communicants, added, 1; died

or removed, 1; present number, 30; marriages, 2; burials, adults, 5; infants, 7; public services, on Sundays—the services have been held three Sundays in Greensburgh, and in Blairsville every fourth Sunday in the month;—collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $2.

St. Peters' Church, Blairsville, Indiana county.

Baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, 10; administered the holy communion on Sunday, February 28th, to 9 persons.

The above report, scanty as it is, embraces all the baptisms, burials and marriages for nearly two years, no report having been made to the last Convention. I resigned the charge of Christ Church, Greensburgh, as the Rector thereof, in the middle of April last, the prospect of success is somewhat discouraging, but I hope that they will soon be able to secure the services of some other minister, and that his efforts in preaching the gospel may be more successful than mine have been.

Report of the Rev. William Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Chester county.

Baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 1; present number, 34; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 10; total, 62; children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 15; female, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 34; total, schools, 2; teachers, 6; pupils, 49; bible classes, 1; members, 18; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5 71; missionary and other purposes, $45; total, $50 71.

The state of this congregation, either in regard to its temporal or spiritual concerns, differs but little from that given in the report of the preceding year. The Rector has endeavoured faithfully to discharge the duties of his station, and although he has not had the happiness of seeing, to any great extent, the pleasure of the Lord prospering in his hand, yet he cannot believe that his labours have been altogether in vain. From present appearances, he is led to believe that the time appointed of the Lord, to favour this portion of his Zion, is not far distant, when there shall be many "added to the Church of such as shall be saved."

Our Sunday school still continues its efficient labours in imparting to the young a knowledge of the things that belong to their peace, and endeavouring to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

Present number of communicants, 25; funerals, 2.

This report extends to the first of April last, at which time I resigned my charge of this parish.

The spiritual prospects of this parish, at present, are by no means flattering. The greater portion of the seed sown here, seems to have fallen by "the way side," upon "stony places," or "among thorns," and, consequently, but little fruit has been produced. May the Lord send them a man after His own heart, whose labours he will bless to the spiritual edification of this portion of His moral vineyard.

Report of the Rev. J. P. Hosmer, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.

Congregation, families, 48; adults, 112; children, 78; total, 190; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 6; total, 9; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 6; present number, 70; marriages, 4; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 103; other days, 51; total, 154; children catechized 5 times, or since my taking charge of the parish, once a month in the afternoon, on Sunday, in the place of a sermon; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 32; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 32; total, teachers, 14; pupils, 64; collections, Episcopal Fund, $5; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10; total, $15.

This report may be in one or two particulars a little incorrect, some of my information having been obtained from other sources rather than from the proper source, the Rev. Mr. Crumpton, who officiated here until November last.

Though I do not pretend that we have done all that we might for the cause of religion abroad, yet the statement in the report does not fairly exhibit the strength of our zeal. We are not rich, and are also in debt, and hence, for a time at least, comparatively little, from other sources, may be expected of us. The Ladies' Sewing Society, which under

other circumstances would contribute a good portion of its avails, no inconsiderable sum, for the advancement of Christ's cause elsewhere, has seen fit to appropriate them entirely to the liquidation of the debts of the church: and to do this, as in justice due, must be our chief effort until we are relieved from all embarrassments.

I am pleased with the general aspect of the church here: the congregation is attentive, and appears to be increasing with the approach of summer; and I promise myself, with the blessing of God, some early reward of my toil. This may be, however, the too sanguine expectation of an inexperienced servant.

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Report of the Rev. Lewis Jansen, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 46; adults, 150; children, 85; baptisms, infants, 6; communicants removed 1; present number, 26; marriages, 3; burials, 8; public services, Sundays, 2; children catechized, 12; Sunday school scholars, 65; teachers, male, 6; female, 7; total, 13.

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Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.

I have been engaged during the past year in teaching Theological Students the Hebrew language—and during the same period, I have officiated occasionally.

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Report of the Rev. C. V. Kelly, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg.

Congregation, families, 64; adults, 180; children, 66; total, 246; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 9; total, 10; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 7; died or removed, 3; present number, 59; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 101; other days, 61; total, 162; children catechized, times, 12; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 49; female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 56; total, schools, 2; teachers, 18; pupils, 105; bible class, members, 14; collections, Episcopal Fund, $10; Missionary and other purposes, $224; Convention Fund, $20; Prayer Book Society, $5; Tract Society, $1 50; total, $255 50.

The children are catechized by the Rector once a month. The Sunday school has two sessions every Sunday.

Report of the Rev. J. J. Kerr, Rector of Advent Church, Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 41; adults, 107; children, 67; total, 174; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 2; total, 5: confirmed, 13; communicants, added, 13; present number, 46; marriages, 1; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 34; other days, 14; total, 48; children catechized, 50; times, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 60; female, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 42; total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 102.

Advent Church, worshipping in the Commissioners' Hall, Northern Liberties, was organized on the 27th day of November last. The articles of association were signed by about sixteen gentlemen, chiefly of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties.

I entered upon the duties of this parish on the 20th of January, up to which time the Vestry procured the services of such clergymen as could be had. We have divine services twice every Sunday, a lecture every Friday evening, and the Holy Eucharist on the principal festivals, and on the first Sunday in each month.

The ladies of the congregation have a *Sewing Society* for clothing the poor children of the Sunday schools, and for other benevolent purposes. Their pious and zealous labours in organizing and preparing themselves for extensive usefulness in the parish, cannot be too highly commended. They shall one day hear the master say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Our *Sunday schools* are in a truly flourishing condition. We have had them in operation less than three months; yet we now number in both, as may be seen from the above statement, one hundred and two pupils, and have an average attendance of eighty. This prosperity is owing, mainly, under the blessing of God, to our truly devoted teachers, and to the faithfulness and zeal of the superintendents. Already their praise is in all the church. Under my own direction and general superintendence, they furnish ample and suitable nourishment for the lambs of our flock.

Owing to the occupancy of the hall, part of the time, by a school of another denomination, I have not been able to carry out my intention of catechizing the children openly in the church, after evening prayer upon communion days. They are, however, regularly catechized in the school once a month. The Sunday School Library contains 112 volumes.

As a parish, we have much to incite our gratitude to the giver of every good and perfect gift, both for our temporal and spiritual prosperity during the brief period of our existence. The hall in which we worship is full, and I am happy to say that the audience generally evince a deep interest in the things which pertain to their eternal welfare. Like most new parishes in large towns, we have had, until recently, more or less unstable attendance, but, now, mere curiosity ceasing to operate, and our effort having assumed a good degree of permanence, all we want for the accomplishment of incalculable good in the dense and hitherto much neglected population around us, is patient effort, and united and intelligent zeal, accompanied by the divine blessing.

Owing to the peculiar circumstances of the parish, the usual collections have not been made.

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Report of the Rev. George Kirke.

Having been engaged during the last year, in a French school, located between two parishes; and having been without any parochial charge, my labours in the ministry have necessarily been very limited. I have, however, besides frequently visiting the sick and afflicted, and assisting at the Lord's table, officiated on various occasions, chiefly for my Rev. brethren, upwards of twenty times; administering the Lord's Supper once in Trinity Church, West Chester, and baptizing two children belonging to the parish of St. John's, New London.

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Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county, and St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county.

St. Andrew's Church, Springville.

Congregation essentially the same as reported at last Convention. Baptisms, infants, 2; marriages, 1; burials, 2; public services about 40; more might have been given had not sickness, stormy weather, and some other causes, prevented the assembling of the people. The Bible Class continues to be interesting; members, 25.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county.

Congregation, families, 25; baptisms, infants, 2; communi-

cants, died, 1; marriages, 1: burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 43. Some of the Vestry have it in contemplation to procure the services of some resident clergyman, being of the opinion that their means of support would increase with the demands made upon them by a clergyman residing amongst them.

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Report of the Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

Congregation, families, 60; adults, 180; children, 165; total, 345; baptisms, adults, 16; infants, 21; total, 37; confirmed, 25; communicants, added, 39; died or removed, 13; present number, 89; marriages, 3; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 105; other days, 66; total, 171; children catechized frequently in the Sabbath school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 130; female, 1; teachers, 17; pupils, 160; total, schools, 2; teachers, 27; pupils, 290. Bible Classes included in the Sunday schools. Collections, Convention Fund, $5; Society for Advancement of Christianity, $10; General Missionary Society, $105; other purposes, $115; total, $235.

The past year has been one of much encouragement, from the manifest and increasing interest of the congregation. Although the church has lost an unusual number of valuable communicants by removal, the accessions have been such as to preserve a steady increase. The attention of the youths connected with the Sunday school has been marked and gratifying. Of these, nine have been baptized on their own profession, and the same number received to the communion.

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Report of the Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming county.

Congregation, families, 32: adults, 100: children, 80: total, 180: baptisms, adults, 7: children, 13: total, 20: communicants, added, 6: removed, 1: present number, 46: marriages, 2: burials, 4: public services, on Sundays, 70: other days, 30: total, 100: children catechized, 20: times, 7: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 45: female, 1: teachers, 14: pupils, 55: total, schools, 2: teachers, 21: pupils, 100: collections, Episcopal Fund, $10: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $20: Convention Fund, $5: Prayer Book So-

ciety, $7. Upwards of $400 have been subscribed, to improve our little sanctuary. An organ will be furnished in a few weeks by the young ladies of the congregation.

In Williamsport, where I officiate every alternate week, a congregation has been organized, and upwards of $2000 have been subscribed for the erection of a church. The building, I trust, is already under contract. Men of standing, and men of influence, are warmly interested; and so I doubt not but that success will crown our efforts.

In Jersey Shore, (distant from Muncy 30 miles,) where I officiate every fourth Sunday, the prospects are exceedingly encouraging. The intelligent portion of the community have long since become dissatisfied with the extravagance on the one side, and the wrangling on the other, and so are looking to the church, where unity is preserved, and where God can be worshipped, according to the dictates of an enlightened understanding. A congregation will be organized the coming summer, and efforts will be made to have a church erected for the accommodation of the infant parish.

I officiate in Lock Haven, the county town of Clinton, the same day I officiate in Jersey Shore. I can say but little as yet with reference to our prospects. Having visited the place but seldom, one thing I know, and that is, if a faithful Missionary were appointed to reside in Jersey Shore, and to extend his labours to Lock Haven, congregations in both places would soon be collected, and churches would be shortly erected for their accommodation.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna county, and Missionary.

Congregation, families, 29: adults, 87: children, 50: total, 137: baptisms, infants, 5: communicants, added, 2: removed, 2: present number, 30: marriages, 7: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 110: week days, 17: total, 127: children catechized in the church eight times, and occasionally in the Sunday school. The Sunday school was closed during the winter, but has now been re-opened with favourable prospects. Bible Class, 1: members, 8: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10 73: Convention Fund, $3 82: Episcopal Fund, $2 98: other purposes, $11 74: total, $29 27.

Of the above services, a few have been held in school houses in the neighbourhood, to full and attentive congregations. We have had presented to us a few volumes of valuable books, as the commencement of a parish Library, by the Bishop White Parish Library Association of Philadelphia. Other things remain about as usual.

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Report of the Rev. J. H. Marsden, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington, Adams county.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 1: total, 2: communicants, added, 2: present number, 27: marriages, 2: burials, 1: collections, Convention Fund, $2. That, for the Society for Advancement of Christianity has not been taken up, on account of the smallness of the congregation, arising from bad weather on several days appointed for that purpose.

My labours during the past year have been similar to those of the year preceding. They have been extended as before, into the neighbouring villages and adjacent districts. I have kept no regular record of the number of times I have preached. It has usually been twice, and sometimes oftener per week. The attendance at church is usually good, and if I may judge from appearances, an increasing interest is felt in our services.

I here add that during the winter I officiated, by request of the Vestry, on one Lord's day of each month, at St. John's Church, York. Early in the month of April, I accepted a call to the Rectorship thereof; since which time I have preached every alternate Sunday except one, when I was prevented by sickness. My connection with this parish is, however, of too recent date to enable me to give a minute report of its condition. The attendance at church is usually pretty good—I have baptized one infant there.

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Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 21: total, 22: confirmed, 11: communicants, added, 21: died or removed, 5: present number, 90: marriages, 3: burials, 11: public services, on Sundays, 102: other days, 75: total, 177: children catechized, 250: times, 9: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 9: pupils, 116: female, 1: teachers, 12: pupils, 150: total, schools, 2:

teachers, 21: pupils, 266: collections, Episcopal Fund, $4: Missionary and other purposes, $60: total, $64.

During the past year the great head of the church has indulged us with a fair measure of temporal and spiritual prosperity. The church edifice has been very considerably enlarged and beautified, and the congregation has exhibited a corresponding growth—the number of pew holders, agreeably to the accounting Warden's representation having doubled. The religious character of many of the church members has been such as greatly to comfort the heart of the pastor, whilst the inconsistency of a few has occasioned pain. Unavoidable interruptions during the enlargement and alteration of the church edifice, must account for the reduction (temporary,) in the number of children attending our Sunday schools. In conclusion, it may be observed that in consequence of the almost unexampled kindness of friends, and a late energetic movement on the part of the vestry, we are now permitted to indulge a reasonable expectation that ere the close of the year 1842, we shall be entirely free of all debt, and so permitted to direct our undivided efforts to the spiritual welfare of the parish.

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Report of the Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie county, and Missionary.

Congregation, families, 17: adults, 55: children, 30: total, 95: baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 6: total, 7: communicants, added, 1: died, 1: present number, 20: marriages, 3: burials, 3: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 5: total, 57: children catechized in the Sunday school: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 8: pupils, 40: collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 16: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $5: Missionary and other purposes, $7 65: total, $15 81.

The congregation of this church are a hardy, intellectual, and would that I could also add, a spiritual people: our ploughing now is in *hope*, in humble reliance on the promise that in due time, if we faint not, we shall become partakers of our hope.

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Report of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

Congregation, families, 59: adults, 136: children, 98: total, 234: baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 23: total, 25: communicants,

added, 6: removed, 8: present number, 32: marriages, 6: burials, 3: public services, on Sundays, 96: other days, 34: total, 130: children catechized, 100: times, 4: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 9: pupils, 60: female, 1: teachers, 11: pupils, 100: total, schools, 2: teachers, 20: pupils, 160: collections, Episcopal Fund, $8 77: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $25: Missionary and other purposes, $96 50: total, $130 27.

Nothing of importance has occurred in this parish necessary to be mentioned—as usual, we have experienced many changes from the removals of some families connected with it, and the addition of others. The success attending the effort at Schuylkill Haven, has taken away several of our communicants; our loss has been the gain of this new parish, but we do not repine, but wish it prosperity in the name of the Lord. It is expected there will be several candidates for confirmation at the promised visitation of our Diocesan—and our prospects in spiritual things, though far from what we desire, are yet equal to those of previous years, and we trust that the fruits of grace will be evidenced in more abundance.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, Chester county, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook township, Chester county.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, Chester County.

Congregation, families, 69; communicants, added, 1; died, 1; present number, 71; marriages, 12; burials, 2: public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 22; total, 74; children catechized, 14; times, 1; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 36; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; total, schools, 2; teachers, 4; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, $4 25; Convention Fund, $4 23; other purposes, $8 75; total, $17 23.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook Township, Chester County.

Congregation, families, 96: baptisms, infants, 1: communicants, present number, 52: marriages, 4: burials, 2: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 8: total, 60: children catechized, 12: times, 1: collections, Convention Fund, $3 80: other purposes, $10: total, $13 80.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

Congregation, families, 52: adults, 162: children, 108: total, 270: baptisms, infants, 21: confirmed, 6: communicants, added, 16: died, 1: removed, 3: present number, 62: marriages, 9: burials, 3: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 78: total, 182: Sunday schools, male, 2: teachers, 10: pupils, 50: female, 2: teachers, 13: pupils, 65: total, schools, 4: teachers, 23: pupils, 115: children catechized, 50: times, 10: bible classes, 1: collections, Convention Fund, $5: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10 50: missionary and other purposes, $230: total, $245 50.

The sum of $25, collected in the Sunday schools, has been paid to the Board of Missions. The amount received at the monthly missionary meetings during the year, has been applied to aid a young man, a member of the church, in his preparatory education for the ministry. It is considered, that the cause of missions is at least *indirectly* promoted, by this appropriation. There are two members of this church, candidates for Holy Orders.

In reviewing the year, the Rector feels, that he has reason to thank God, for the success which has attended his labors.

Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 175: total, 700: communicants, added, 40: total, 300: confirmed, 26: Sunday schools, female, 1: scholars, 87: teachers, 18: male, 1: scholars, 62: teachers, 11: infant, 1: scholars, 105: teachers, 4: bible classes, 3: coloured class, 1: scholars, 20: teachers, 2: total, scholars, 274: teachers, 25: baptisms, adults, 15: infants, 42: total, 57: collections, Episcopal and Convention Fund, $126 25: Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $208 21: poor, $220 92: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $171 85: Sunday school, $114 76: for other purposes, $2726 06: total, $3568 56.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre county, and Trinity Church, Phillipsburg, Centre county.

St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre County.

Congregation, families, 23: adults, 61: children, 68: total,

129: baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 10: total, 12: confirmed, 9: communicants, added, 6: removed, 3: present number, 24: marriages, 1: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 87: other days, 18: total, 105: children catechized, 50: times, monthly: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 9: pupils, 50: bible classes, 1: members, 9: collections, Episcopal Fund, $7 09¼: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10: missionary and other purposes, $45 68.

The parish is slowly increasing its strength; a fluctuating population has prevented its rapid growth.

Trinity Church, Phillipsburg, Centre County.

Baptisms, infants, 6: confirmed, 6: communicants, present number, 27: burials, 1: children catechized, 53: times, 3: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 10: scholars, 53: collections, missionary and other purposes, $26: public services, on Sundays, 15: other days, 9: total, 24.

I officiate in this parish once in each month. For the remainder of the time, the congregation is supplied by Lay reading. The prospects are as encouraging as could be expected.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 7: children, 16: total, 23: confirmed, 26: communicants, added, 30: died or removed, 10: present number not correctly ascertained: marriages, 3: burials, 14: public services—since the connection of the present Rector with the church—on Sundays, 52: other days, 62: total, 114: Sunday schools, connected with the church, 3; male, 1: female, 2: male teachers, 17: pupils, 118: female teachers, 21: pupils, 200: total, teachers, 38: pupils, 318: bible classes, 3: members, 60.

One collection has been taken up for the Convention, and one for the Episcopal Fund. Besides these, there has been but little done in behalf of the great objects of Christian charity. The cause of this, as well as of the imperfect statistical report, herewith rendered, is found in the unsettled state of the church, for the last two or three years. Having been without the services of a settled Pastor, during that period, it is not a matter of surprise, that the prosperity of the church should have suffered some decline. The Rev. Dr. May, after

an absence of two years, with the hope of benefitting his health, finding no improvement therein, tendered his resignation during the last summer. The present Rector was called to the church in the month of September last, and entered upon the duties of the same in the beginning of November. Since that time, the attendance on the services of the church, and its general welfare, have been gradually improving. A systematic plan has just been put in operation for concentrating the efforts and offerings of the congregation, in behalf of missionary and other purposes; which promises to work well. And with the blessing of God, we trust the coming year will find the church steadily advancing in strength, in piety, and in usefulness.

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Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, in the City of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 8: infants, 49: total, 57: confirmed, 21: communicants, added, 27: died or removed, 6: present number, 259: marriages, 17: burials, 20: public services, on Sundays, 108: other days, 141: total, 249: Sunday school children catechized 12 times: bible class catechized monthly: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 12: pupils, 94: female, 1: teachers, 28: pupils, 115: infant school teachers, 8: pupils, 71: bible class teacher, 1: pupils, 15: day school teachers, 2: pupils, 126: adult school teachers, 10: pupils, 65: total, schools, 6: teachers, 61: pupils, 486: collections, Episcopal Fund, $50 00: Diocesan Fund, $150 00: Convention Fund, $65 00: General Sunday School Union, $150 00: General Theological Seminary, $250 00: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $443 86: missionary and other purposes, $2678 77: total, $3787 03.

The amount collected by the Sunday school children, for missionary purposes, is $70 00. The amount collected at communion seasons, is $467 18. The amount disbursed among divers objects of charity, immediately connected with the parish, is $781 73.

The Rector would humbly express his gratitude to "Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift," in being enabled to record the highly prosperous condition of his parish, in all of its departments. Among the practical evidences of which, he feels pleasure in noticing, the

increased attention to the various services of the church; the increased amount contributed to various objects of Christian benevolence—notwithstanding the difficulties of the times—and above all, the unflinching attachment to Christ and His Holy Catholic Church, manifested in that they "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel."

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Report of the Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county, and St. David's (Radnor) Church, Newtown, Delaware county.

St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, infants, 4: communicants, added, 3: present number, 70: marriages, 5: burials, 6: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 57: total, 109: Sunday school, male teachers, 5: female teachers, 6: total, teachers, 11: pupils, 60: collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 86: Convention Fund, $2 95: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2 66.

The Rector's desire to be more convenient to Radnor Church, has induced him to accept a call to St. Peter's Church, in the Great Valley, to which he will remove in October next, when St. James' parish, with a comfortable parsonage and excellent glebe will become vacant.

St. David's (Radnor) Church, Newtown, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 23: total, 25: communicants, added, 7: removed, 5: present number, 72: marriages, 2: public services, on Sundays, 26: Sunday school, male teachers, 2: female teachers, 5: total, teachers, 7: pupils, 50: collections, Episcopal Fund, $4: Convention Fund, $2.

By the removal of an excellent family, this church has lost some valuable members, one of whom, for many years, has been a firm pillar of the parish, nobly doing a noble part to sustain a sacred cause. He and his family will be an estimable acquisition to a new church in the borough to which they have removed, and we desire to devoutly thank the adorable HEAD of the church for the accessions which HE has recently given to our communion, who doubtless will cheerfully do their worthy part.

In addition to now filling the pulpits of three churches, I

continue to hold regular services in a school house in Lower Merion, where a church is greatly needed.

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Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol.

Baptisms, infants, 9: adults, 3: marriages, 1: confirmed, 13: communicants, 76: deaths, 7: Sunday school scholars, 176: teachers, 15: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10: other purposes, $75: Convention Fund, $5.

Nothing of very special interest has occurred in this church during the year. Our services have been well attended, and our condition in all respects is as favourable as it has ever been.

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Report of the Rev. William Henry Rees, Principal of the Mount Vernon Institute, Chester county.

The Principal of the Mount Vernon Institute having previously resigned the charge of the West Chester Academy, resumed the direction of this Seminary on the first of April last. The school is strictly Episcopal; the instruction being conformed to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the church.

The Principal has administered the communion twice for Deacons, and assisted upon three other occasions. He has preached 18 times, and married 3 couple.

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, children, 6: adults, 1: total, 7: funerals, 3: marriages, 3: communicants, 66; of whom 7 have been added during the past year: families in the parish, 75; comprising about 400 individuals: Sunday school, 100 pupils, and 15 teachers: collected for various purposes, but chiefly expended upon the alteration of the church, which was completed in July last, about $1500.

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Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 14: total, 16; communicants, added, 3: died or removed, 2: withdrawn, 2: present number,

66 : marriages, 4 : burials, 4 : public services, on Sundays, 104 : other days, 14 : total, 118 : children catechized, 20 : times, 30: Sunday schools, male, 1 : teachers, 2: pupils, 11 : female, 1: teachers, 3 : pupils, 14 : total, schools, 2: teachers, 5: pupils, 25 : collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10 : missionary and other purposes, $200 : total, $210.

The church has been better attended the last year, than any previous one since I have resided at Easton.

Report of W. H. Sayre, Warden of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Northampton county.

Baptisms, infants, 5 : communicants removed, 2 : withdrawn, 1 : added, 1 : present number, 14: burials, 1 : congregation, families, 13 : public services, on Sundays, by the Rev. Messrs. Drake and Lane, 3 : Rev. J. M. Rogers, 6 : other days, 1 : Sunday school, superintendent, 1 : male teachers, 1: female, 2 : and 17 children of both sexes.

This congregation is yet without a Rector. When not supplied by a clergyman, the lay worship of the church, and reading of sermons have, with few intermissions, been regularly resorted to since the last parochial report.

The great flood in the Lehigh river in January last, by the serious injury it caused not only to the canal, but to many individuals, has, for the present, prevented our prosecuting the design of erecting a church, already commenced, here. Under the full confidence that if the church was built, our congregation would rapidly increase, we trust that our Great Head will dispose the minds of His followers to render us their assistance in raising a temple to His holy name.

Report of the Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester county.

Congregation, families, 16 : adults, 50 : children, 40 : total, 90 : public services, on Sundays, 52 : Sunday school teachers, 6 : pupils, 75 : total, 81. Several children attend the Sunday school from other congregations in the village.

The interests of the church in Phœnixville are beginning to prosper: and though the edifice, the corner stone of which was laid by the Bishop on Easter Monday of last year, has not, owing to the want of funds, been completed, a com-

modious Lecture Room in its basement story, will shortly be ready for Divine service.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 7: total, 8: communicants, 34: marriages, 8: burials, 10. Public services regularly on Sunday mornings in the church, and in the Lecture Room at Frankford in the afternoons.

Children taught the catechizm in the Sunday school. The school in Frankford is continued during the entire year, and contains about 60 children and 8 teachers. One of these classes is taught by the Rector. The school is opened by him with singing a psalm or hymn, and using the collect for the day, and the Lord's prayer, and closed by commencing public service. There are two other schools in the parish during a portion of the year.

Collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 41: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $50 25: Convention Fund, $3 41: Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, about $50. A substantial stone wall has been added to the grave-yard the past season; and a stone dwelling house is now being erected for the accommodation of the Sexton, and security of the yard against further depredations.

Report of the Rev. W. W. Spear, Rector of St. Luke's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 120: baptisms, adults, 5: infants, 2: total, 7: confirmed, 10: communicants, added, 17: died, 1: present number, 84: received from other churches, 68: marriages, 2: burials, 5: public services, on Sundays, 60: other days, 70: total, 130: Sunday school male teachers, 13: pupils, 62: female teachers, 15: pupils, 100: infant, teachers, 2: pupils, male, 30: female, 20: bible class teachers, 2: pupils, 12.

The children of the Sunday school and congregation have been assembled and addressed by the Rector on the afternoon of each monthly communion day; the Lord's Supper being administered on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and the evening service of that day being at night.

It has not been thought expedient to commence a system

of contributions hitherto, though arrangements are in progress for that purpose.

The church was opened for regular services on St. Luke's day, October 18th, 1840. Its dimensions are 65 by 90 feet. It contains 136 pews on the floor, and 48 in the galleries, besides seats for the choir and Sunday schools, and is capable of accommodating, conveniently, 1000 persons. The basement story contains 6 apartments, a lecture room or chapel, 2 Sunday school rooms, 2 infant school rooms, and a bible class room. The ground, building, organ, and furniture, with an adjoining lot, intended for a parsonage, cost $58,000.

The means for erecting St. Luke's Church, were advanced by 17 gentlemen belonging to 7 of the city churches, to be refunded by the sale of pews. The sole object was to supply the wants of the rapidly increasing neighbourhood in which it is located. The necessity of the measure, and the wisdom of the location, are best attested by the fact, that throughout the winter, its services have been attended by numerous, and generally crowded congregations, and its temporal interest has already reached a degree of prosperity scarcely anticipated by its most sanguine friends—67 pews have been sold for $35,000; 50 others are rented, and the assessed price of the remainder is equal to the balance of the debt incurred.

The enterprize was peculiarly the offspring of a zeal according to knowledge, and it seems as though God were pleased to reward, in a peculiar degree, His work of faith and labour of love. The church is in the midst of an extensive field, and already have fruits appeared, sufficient to rejoice the heart of him who labours in the word and doctrine, and to afford its friends the earnest of an abundant harvest.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, infants, 10: confirmed, 4: communicants, added, 15: died, 2: present number, 81: marriages, 11: burials, 11: public services, on Sundays, 92: other days, 35: total, 127: children catechized in Sunday school: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 20: pupils, 140: collections, Convention Fund, $5: Missionary and other purposes, $130: total, $135.

During the past year, a bell weighing 1082 lbs., and of a superior tone, has been hung in the tower of this church;

and the general affairs of the congregation, spiritual and temporal, the Rector is encouraged to hope, are steadily improving. In addition to the above services in St. John's Church, Norristown, Mr. Stem has also officiated about forty times to an interesting congregation of Swedes in the vicinity. This is a branch of the Weccacoe Church, of which the Rev. Mr. Clay is Rector.

Report of the Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware county.

Congregation, families, 25: number of adults and children not yet ascertained: communicants, added, 1: died, 1: present number, 28: marriages, 1: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 27: other days in the parish, 4: out of the parish, 6: total, 37: collections, Episcopal Fund, $2: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $4: Convention Fund, $5: total, $11.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and the exceeding bad state of the roads during the past winter and this spring, no Sunday school has yet been formed, but one is in contemplation, and will soon be established, I trust, on a permanent foundation. It is a remarkable fact in the history of this ancient parish, that it has never had a Sunday school, or a Bible Class; and its present feebleness may be attributed, doubtless, in part, to that circumstance.

The Rector commenced his labours in this parish, in connection with Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, Delaware, a small congregation, five miles distant, where he performed divine service, and preached every other Sunday afternoon. But these services were only continued a little more than three months. A variety of circumstances seemed to render the connection of doubtful expediency, and it was dropped. He has since confined his services entirely to Concord, where he regularly officiates every Sunday morning, and on such Holydays as the people can be collected together.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace church, in the city of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 225: adults, 550: children, 540: total, 1090: baptisms, adults, 20: infants, 47: total, 67: confirmed at two confirmations, 74: communicants, added, 80:

died or removed, 19: present number, 450: marriages, 26: burials, 20: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 100: total, 204: children catechized monthly: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 22: pupils, 160: female, 1: teachers, 28: pupils, 213: total, schools, 2: teachers, 50: pupils, 403: Bible Classes, 7: members, 60: collections, Episcopal and Convention Funds, $89: Society for Advancement of Christianity, $100: Missionary and other purposes, $6720: total, $6809.

The Rector of this parish has again to record his heart-felt gratitude to the great Head of the church for the continued marks of his mercy in blessing, in some small degree, his feeble efforts to advance his kingdom among the people committed to his care.

The past year has been marked by the usual difficulties and trials which are incident, if not inseparable, to the minister of Christ in a large and populous city, but the blessings of Heaven have so greatly out-weighed and out-numbered whatever has been seen or felt in the form of trial, that the latter are not worthy of being named. While a goodly number has been received during the year to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, it is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, that their Pastor has to record in the list of those who have departed this life, two, who within the year had buckled on the spiritual armour to war a good warfare. One of these had reached a period of life when religious impressions seldom find a way to the heart, having numbered his three score years and ten; but in answer to the prayers of his children, all of whom had professed the faith of the crucified, and some of whom had "fallen asleep in Jesus," he was brought in the stated services of the church to feel the need of an ark of safety for his endangered and immortal spirit. Applying for spiritual counsel to his Minister, he was directed to the hope of the gospel, and in due time, received into membership with the church by baptism, and subsequently confirmed by the Bishop. He partook the memorials of a Saviour's death some three or four times, and then, after a few months' sickness, which was borne with exemplary patience, entered, we doubt not, into that blessed rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Nothing has tended more to strengthen the heart of the Rector of this parish than the pleasing testimonies, which it has been his frequent privilege to hear from the lips of the

dying, of the power of the grace of God to support in the hour of final agony those who trust in Him.

The Sunday schools and Bible Classes belonging to this parish are increasing in efficiency and usefulness, and the hope is strongly cherished that they will be feeders to the church, instruments of abiding good under the blessing of Almighty God.

The Rector bears his cheerful testimony to the liberality of his people in their efforts to sustain the benevolent enterprizes of the church, for widening and extending her borders, both at home and abroad. The contribution of nearly $7000 for missionary work, is a proof of their zeal and good will.

The ordinary Sunday and week day services of the church have been well attended, while the monthly gathering of the communicants to the sacramental board has been uniformly good.

May the blessing of God continue to rest upon this parish, that it may be watered abundantly with the dew of Heaven.

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Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Rector of the Parishes of St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, in the county of Delaware.

I have preached twice on each Sunday, with the exception of some three or four, during which I was sick, or my pulpit supplied by other clergymen; upon other days I have preached 37 times; marriages, 4; baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 19; burials, 6; monies collected for such purposes connected with the welfare of the church, as the vestry may hereafter decide, $24 52; communicants, added, 29; removed, 5; whole number, about 110.

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Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in the town of Erie, Erie county.

Congregation, families, 38; adults, 132; children, 111; total, 243; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 9; total, 10; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 6; died or removed, 1; present number, 60; marriages, 6; burials, 15; public services, on Sundays, 86; other days, 12; total, 98; children catechized, generally on every Sunday; Sunday schools, male, 4; teachers, 4; pupils, 30; female, teachers, 9; pupils, 53; total, teachers, 13; pupils, 83; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $5; missionary and other purposes, $27; total, $32.

I entered upon the charge of this parish about the middle of last July. The congregation having been for more than three months, since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Babbit, in a depressed state, the prospects of the church are now, by the Divine blessing, as favourable as could be expected. The services are well attended, and I am happy to say there is a great improvement in the conducting of the responses. I could wish for a far larger measure of spiritual prosperity than has yet been afforded us, but I trust we are not altogether without encouragement to hope. Our Sunday school is increasing, and bids fair to be very flourishing. I have officiated regularly twice on Sundays, with the exception of one on which I was confined by sickness. I have also had the church open on all the principal holy days of the church, and several times during Lent. I have also preached a few times at different settlements in the neighbouring country. The collections for the benevolent objects of the church and diocese, have not been as I wished or intended, but will, I hope, be better attended to, the ensuing year. The necessity of making a special effort in aid of the Sunday school has perhaps been one cause why other objects have been comparatively neglected.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

Congregation, families, 170: baptisms, adults, 3: infants, 77: total, 80: confirmed, 37: communicants, added, 22: died or removed, 45: present number, 236: marriages, 8: burials, 40: public services, on Sundays, 105: other days, 90: total, 195: children catechized in Sunday school by the Rector, every month: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 75: female, 1: teachers, 14: pupils, 125: total, schools, 2: teachers, 21: pupils, 200: collections, Episcopal Fund, $25: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $225: missionary and other purposes, $304: total, $529.

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Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

In consequence of more than ordinary ill health during the past year, I have done but little ministerial duty.

My services have been as follows: preached 14 times: read the service, and assisted in the administration of the holy com-

munion, 4 times: baptized 2 children: officiated at 2 funerals: discharged my functions as Secretary of the "Board of Missions," and visited, as opportunity presented, the sick and the afflicted.

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Report of the Rev. William Sydney Walker, Deacon.

Read prayers 14 times: preached, 15 times: baptized 1 infant; assisted in the holy communion, 3 times.

The above services have been performed in different churches in Philadelphia and the neighbourhood.

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Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler county, and Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong county.

St. Peters' Church, Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families, 41: adults, 93: children, 97: total, 190: communicants, added, 3: died or removed, 5: present number, 52: baptisms, children, 10; confirmed, 2: marriages, 3: burials, 4: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 14: total, 66: collections, about $12.

Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong County.

Congregation, families, 28: adults, 55: children, 59: total, 114: baptisms, adults, 2: children, 5: total, 7: communicants, added, 7: died or removed, 3: present number, 44: marriages, 1: confirmed, 7: burials, 2: public services, on Sundays, 55: other days, 10: total, 65: collections, general purposes, $5 10: Convention Fund, $4 20: total, $9 30.

The Rector has also to report his having officiated 8 times at Muddy-creek, and once at Evansburgh, Butler county: 7 times at Kittanning, and once at Leechburgh, Armstrong county: and once at Punxatawney, Jefferson county; when he administered the rite of holy baptism to two adults and one child, celebrated the Lord's Supper, and officiated at a funeral.

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Report of the Rev. James Wilthank, Chaplain of the U. S. Navy.

The Chaplain reports that he still continues to officiate regularly every Sunday at the Naval Asylum, near Philadelphia. His congregation consists of the officers attached to the institution, with their families,—24 midshipmen pursuing their studies in the naval school, and about 30 maimed and

invalid sailors. Considerable interest is manifested in the services, and he hopes that his services will not be in vain.

Marriages, 2 ; baptisms, infants, 1; burials, 6.

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Report of the Rev. Enos Woodward, Rector of Christ Church, in the City of Alleghany, Alleghany county.

Congregation, families, about 60: total, including adults and children, about 200: baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 13: total, 14: confirmed, 11: communicants, added, 5: removed, 4: present number, 57: marriages, 3: burials, 5: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 9: total, 113: children catechized—those belonging to the Sunday school, who can read, are taught the catechizm :—Sunday schools, 1: male teachers, 6: pupils, 50: female teachers, 6: pupils, 50: total teachers, 12: pupils, 100: collections, for the Annual Convention, $8 15.

The congregation attending divine services during the year have generally been as large as could well be accommodated in the house in which they have to meet; which being both small and uncomfortable, has, doubtless prevented the congregation from increasing as rapidly as it otherwise would have done. This impediment, we hope will soon be overcome, as the parish is now building a very commodious brick church in the gothic style of architecture, 76 feet long, and 50 feet wide, with an end gallery, and a basement story for school and lecture room, which, no preventing providence, will be open for divine service in the course of the month of June next.

It may not be improper to remark also, that the heavy expense incurred by the parish in the erection of this building will explain, and it is hoped satisfactorily, the reason why our contributions to the various benevolent institutions of the church have been so small for the present.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

IN THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ Church.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburg—Trinity Church, and St. Andrew's Church.

Alleghany—Christ Church.

Lawrenceville—St. John's Church.

Laceyville—St. Paul's Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's Church.

Freeport—Trinity Church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's Church.

Reading—Christ Church.

Morgantown—St. Thomas' Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James' the Greater, Church.

Newtown—St. Luke's Church.

Yardleyville—St. Andrew's Church.

Hulmeville—Grace Church.

Centreville—Trinity Church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's Church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity Church.

Bellefonte—St. John's Church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's Church.

East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's Church.

Great Valley—St. Peter's Church.

Pequea—St. John's Church.

West Whiteland township—St. Paul's Church.
West Vincent—St. Andrew's Church.
Honeybrook—St. Mark's Church.
West Chester—Church of Holy Trinity.
Phœnixville—St. Peter's Church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's Church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's Church.
Madison—Jerseytown—Christ Church.
Danville—Christ Church.
Orangeville—Trinity Church.*

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ Church.
Rockville—Trinity Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's Church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's Church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's Church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's Church.
Concord township—St. John's Church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's Church.
Rockdale—Calvary Church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's Church.
Waterford—St. Peter's Church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ Church.
Manalen—Grace Church.
Connelsville—Trinity Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's Church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's Church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' Church.
Leacock—Christ Church.
Caernarven township, Churchtown—Bangor Church.

*Admitted into union at the Convention of 1841.

Marietta—Zion Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barré—St. Stephen's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey—St. James' Church.

MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's Church.
Thompsontown—St. Stephen's Church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' Church.
Perkiomen township—St. James' Church.
Norristown—St. John's Church
Pottstown—Christ Church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity Church.
Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ Church.
Sunbury—St. Matthew's Church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The City of Philadelphia—Christ Church; St. Peter's Church; St. James' Church; St. Paul's Church; St. Stephen's Church; St. Andrew's Church; Grace Church; All Soul's Church; Church of Epiphany; Church of Ascension; and St. Luke's Church.

Northern Liberties—St. John's Church. Advent Church.
Southwark—Trinity Church.
Francisville—St. Matthew's Church.
Lower Dublin township—All Saints' Church.
Oxford township—Trinity Church.
Germantown—St. Luke's Church.
Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's Church,
Kensington—Emanuel Church.
West Philadelphia—St. Mary's Church.
Manayunk—St. David's Church.
Spring Garden—Zion Church. St. Phillip's Church.*
Moyamensing—All Saint's Church.

*Admitted into union at the Convention of 1841.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's Church, and Trinity Church.
Schuylkill Haven—St. James' Church.
St. Paul's Church.*

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springfield—St. Jude's Church, and St. Andrew's Church.
New Milford—St. Mark's Church.
Montrose—St. Paul's Church.

TIOGA COUNTY.

Wellsborough—St. Paul's Church.*

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's Church.
Venango Furnace—St. James' Church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike Run township—St. Peter's Church.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace Church, Honesdale, and Truth Church, Bethany.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburgh—Christ Church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's Church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas' (African) Church, not in union with the Convention. Total, 110.

A LIST

Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

Canonically Resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY 18th, 1841.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Philadelphia.
The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

*Admitted into union at the Convention of 1841.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Beaver Falls, and St. Paul's Church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles Breck, Missionary at Wellsborough, and parts adjacent, Tioga county.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Piquea, Chester county; and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, East Nantmeal, Chester county; St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county; and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Richard F. Burnham, Missionary at Newtown, and Yardleyville, Bucks county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of St. John's Church, Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, Missionary at Sugarloaf and Jerseytown, Columbia county.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Heman Dyer, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Missionary at Honesdale, and parts adjacent, Wayne county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, and Missionary at Manalen, Fayette county.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, Principal of an incorporated Academy, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Hilton, Missionary at West Whiteland, Chester county.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins, Missionary in Tioga county.

The Rev. Louis Jansen, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Charles V. Kelly, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, Missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county; and Pike, Bradford county.

The Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

The Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, Missionary at Muncy, Williamsport, and parts adjacent, Lycoming county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary at New Milford, and parts adjacent, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, Missionary at Danville, Columbia county; and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. John Linn M'Kim, Missionary at Carbondale, Luzerne county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York county; and Missionary at Christ Church, and Christ Church Chapel, Adams county.

The Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James May, D. D.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, Missionary at Waterford, Erie county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George W. Natt, Missionary at Belle Fonte, and Philipsburgh, Centre county.

The Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. Odenheimer, Deacon, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county; and St. David's (Radnor,) Church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. William H. Rees, Principal of an incorporated Academy, near the Paoli, Chester county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, Rector of Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Missionary at Phœnixville, Chester county.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, and Assistant Minister of Christ (Swedes) Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

The Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. William White, Missionary at Butler, Butler county; and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., Professsor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Enos Woodward, Missionary at Allegheny city.

LIST CONTINUED.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Gregory Thurston Bedell, Deacon, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Chester county.

The Rev. William White Bronson, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

The Rev. Samuel Buel, Missionary at Schuylkill Haven, and Minersville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. George Burcker, Deacon, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county; and St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county.

The Rev. William M. Burton, Missionary at Hollidaysburgh, Huntingdon county; and Bedford, Bedford county.

The Rev. Robert Bethell Claxton, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarré, Luzerne county.

The Rev. William N. Diehl, Missionary at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county; and Assistant Minister of Gloria Dei (Swedes) Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John P. Hosmer, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. George Kirke, Missionary at New London Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

The Rev. William Preston, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Thomas H. Quinan, Rector of All Saints' Church, and St. Mark's Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William W. Spear, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie county.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, Allegheny city.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles W. Andrews.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, near Gray's Ferry, Assistant Minister of St. James' (Swedes) Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joseph M. Brown, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of the Swedes Church, Gloria Dei, Southwark, Philadelphia; and of the other Swedes Churches.

The Rev. Asa S. Colton, Gulf Mills, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Horace L. Conolly.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, D. D., Professor in St. Paul's College, near Flushing, New York.

The Rev. William Douglass, (a coloured man,) Rector of St. Thomas' (African) Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. Samuel W. Hallowell, Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joshua L. Harrison.

The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Teacher of the Hebrew Language, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, Minister of Advent Church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. John J. M'Elhinny, Deacon, Allegheny city.

The Rev. Edward Rice, M. D., Deacon, Professor in the Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Northampton county.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Philadelphia, Secretary to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. William Sydney Walker, Deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Waylen.

The Rev. Thomas West, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.

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The foregoing List, containing the names of one hundred and five clergymen, is corrected to this date.

In conformity with Canon XIV., Sect. 1.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Harrisburgh, May 18th, 1841.

MEMORANDUM.

The sixty-three clergymen first named in this List, are entitled to seats in the Convention, on May 18th, 1841.

The fifteen clergymen first named in the "List Continued," will be entitled to seats in the Convention, in May, 1842, or previously, if they remain in their respective stations and residences, or have such others as are recognised in the Constitution.

H. U. O.

1840				
May 21	To cash paid Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk,			212 92
	To cash paid the following Clergymen towards their actual expenses in attending Convention, viz:			
	Rev. George C. Drake,		9 03	
	Freeman Lane,		11 00	
	R. U. Morgan,		2 75	
	John Rogers,		7 00	
	E. Y. Buchanan,		2 50	
	George Mintzer,		2 50	
	Alfred Louderback,		8 50	
	Jno. L. Harrison,		20 00	
	William White,		25 00	
	J. H. Marsden,		8 37	
	William J. Clark,		6 50	
	William Hilton,		1 75	
	George W. Natt,		10 50	
	C. V. Kelly,		3 00	
	L. N. Freeman,		25 00	
				143 40
23	To cash paid Jesper Harding,			50 00
June 3	R. F. Hill, Sexton of St. Andrew's Church,			16 75
July 13	Jesper Harding,			100 00
Sept. 19	Jesper Harding, in full,			164 81
Nov. 7	William Hoyland,			2 00
	Amount carried forward,			$689 88

Penn. in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1840			
May 12	By balance in Treasury, per account rendered,		$108 50
14	By cash rec'd of Trinity Church, Southwark,		20 76
19	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	4 35	
	St. Gabriel's church, Sugar Loaf,	1 00	
	St. Andrew's, Springville, Sus. co.	5 25	
	St. Matthew's church, Pike, Bradford co.	4 25	
20	Trinity church, Oxford, Philad. co.	7 17	
	Grace church, Byberry, Honesdale,	3 00	
	Christ church, Reading,	5 00	
	Trinity church, Easton,	5 00	
	Christ church, Leacock,	5 00	
	St. John's church, Pequea,	7 19	
	St. John's church, Norristown,	4 64	
	St. James' church, Perkiomen,	4 00	
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent, Ches. co.	4 47	
	St. Mark's church, Honeybrook do.	3 37	
	Christ church, Danville, 2 82 } St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 3 57 }	6 39	
	St. James' church, Lancaster,	21 25	
	Christ church, Greensburg,	4 25	
	St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville,	2 00	
	St. Mary's church, Chester county,	3 75	
	St. David's church, Radnor,	2 00	
	Trinity church, Freeport,	4 33	
	St. Peter's church, Butler,	5 67	
	Christ church, Brownsville,	7 96	
	All Saints' church, Lower Dublin,	7 50	
	Christ church, Meadville,	6 00	
	St. Peter's church, Waterford,	5 00	
	Christ church, Huntingdon,	2 15	
	Trinity church, Pottsville,	5 00	
	St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	13 00	
	Amount carried over,	$159 94	$129 26

1841	To amount brought over,	$639 88
May 11	To cash paid William Hoyland,	19 25
	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, on account,	14 00
May 11	To balance cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	54 73
		$777 86

Penn. in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1840	By amount brought over,	$159 94	$129 26
May 20	By cash rec'd of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook,	5 00	
	Calvary church, Rockdale,	6 00	
	St. Paul's church, West Whiteland,	3 50	
	St. John's church, Carlisle,	5 00	
	St. John's church, Bellefonte,	5 00	
			$184 44
	Church of the Epiphany, Philad.,		17 40
	Emanuel Church, Kensington,		2 00
	St. Matthew's church, Francisville,		2 50
21	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg		10 00
22	St. Stephen's church, Philad.		50 00
25	St. James' church, do.		92 50
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties,		7 60
June 5	St. Mark's church, New Milford,		4 17
25	Trinity church, Pittsburgh,		50 00
Aug. 11	St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,		65 00
Sept. 9	Christ church, do.		60 00
19	Church of the Ascension, do.		7 00
Oct. 22	St. James' church, Muncey, Lycoming co.		5 00
1841			
Jan. 20	St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville,		1 37
	St. Luke's church, Newtown,		2 62
May 10	St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,		8 00
	St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,		65 00
	St. Paul's church, Beaver county,		5 00
	Church at Georgetown,		4 00
	Church at Freeport,		5 00
			$777 86
1841 May 11	By balance cash in the hands of the Treasurer,		$54 73

Errors Excepted.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account, and found it correct.

TOBIAS WAGNER, } *Committee.*
PHILIP H. NICKLIN, }

May 12, 1841.

Dr. *Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,*

1840		
Aug. 1	To cash paid the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount of the dividend on the 5 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, $16,884 22, received this day.	422 11
	To cash paid Wm. Davidson & Son, for purchase of $400 Pennsylvania 5 per cents of 1860, a $95, transferred to Trustees of Episcopal Fund.	380 00
11	To cash paid the Bishop, being amount of the depreciation on bank paper, in which the interest on the State Stock had been paid in the following years, viz: depreciation on August 1, 1837, $35 33, do. Feb. 1, 1838, $19 65, and Aug. 1, 1840, $12 60, received this day from Bank of Pennsylvania,	67 58
1841		
F .2	To cash paid the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount of the dividend on the 5 per cent. Stock of the State of Pennsylvania, $17,284 22, received this day.	432 11
May 11	To balance,	60 97
		$1362 77

The undersigned, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account, and found the same correct. They have also examined the certificates of Stock in which the Fund is invested, and found the same amounts to seventeen thousand two hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-two cents. ($17,284 22.)

PHILIP H. NICKLIN, } Committee.
TOBIAS WAGNER, }

Philadelphia, May 13th, 1841.

in account with G. M. Wharton, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1840				
May 22	By cash received from P. H. Nicklin, late Treasurer.			73 26
	Do. contributions from the Churches hereafter named, as follows, viz.			
	St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,	$15		
	Church of Epiphany, do.	33	50	
	St. Paul's, Wellsborough, Tioga county,	18		
	Emanuel Church, Kensington,	2		
	Trinity Church, Oxford,	7	17	
	Christ Church, Reading,	6		
	St. John's Church, Norristown,	4	54	
	St. James' Church, Perkiomen,	6		
	St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent,	3	11	
	St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook,	2	77	
	St. James' Church, Lancaster,	22	72	
	St. David's Church, Radnor,	5	50	
	St. John's Church, Bellefonte,	6	50	
	Christ Church, Leacock,	4		
	St. John's Church, Pequea,	6		
	All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin,	12		
	St. Michael's Church, Wayne Township,	1		
	St. Anne's Church, Red Bank,	1		
				156 81
	St. Mary's Church, Chester county,			1 90
	Bangor Church, Church Town, Lancaster co.			2
	St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf,			1
28	St. John's Church, Northern Liberties,			10
June 22	St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming county,			10
July 9	Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,			25
	St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,			50
Aug. 1	Interest on Pennsylvania State Stock, 5 per cent.			422 11
11	Rev. S. T. Lord, Missionary, New Milford,			4
	By cash received, amount of depreciation on bank paper, in which the interest on the State Stock had been paid in 1837, 38, and 40,			67 58
	St. James' Church, Philadelphia,			50
Sept. 14	Christ Church, do.			50
19	Ascension Church, do.			7
1841				
Feb. 2	Interest on Pennsylvania State Stock, 5 per cent.			432 11
				$1362 77
May 11	By balance in Treasurer's hands,			60 97

GEORGE M. WHARTON,

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

May 11th, 1841.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Stock bought for the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia, August 1, 1840.

Bought per order of G. M. Wharton, Esq., by Wm. Davidson and Son,

$400 Penn. 5 per cent. stock, redeemable in 1860, at $95, $380

Transferred to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, and payment received,

WM. DAVIDSON AND SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested in five per cent. stock, of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Four Dollars, and Twenty-Two cents in Stock, and Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Seven cents in cash.

JOHN READ,
JAMES S. SMITH,
PHILIP H. NICKLIN,
GEORGE M. WHARTON,
Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia, May 13th, 1841.

OFFICERS AND AGENTS OF CHURCH INSTITUTIONS.

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President of the Standing Committee, Rev. George Boyd, Philadelphia.
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Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, Geo. M. Wharton, No. 35 south 5th street.
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Treasurer of do. do. do. Mr. George Hawkins.
Receiving Agent of Dom. and For. Mis. Soc., Mr. Thomas Robins, No. 96 Market street.

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Sec. and Gen. Agent of the For. Committee, Rev. John A. Vaughan, No. 114 White street.
Treasurer of do. do. Dr. John Smyth Rogers.
Sec. and Agent of Gen. Prot. Ep. S. S. Union, Rev. Wm. Staunton, No. 28 Ann street.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1842, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEO. M. WHARTON, *Secretary.*

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